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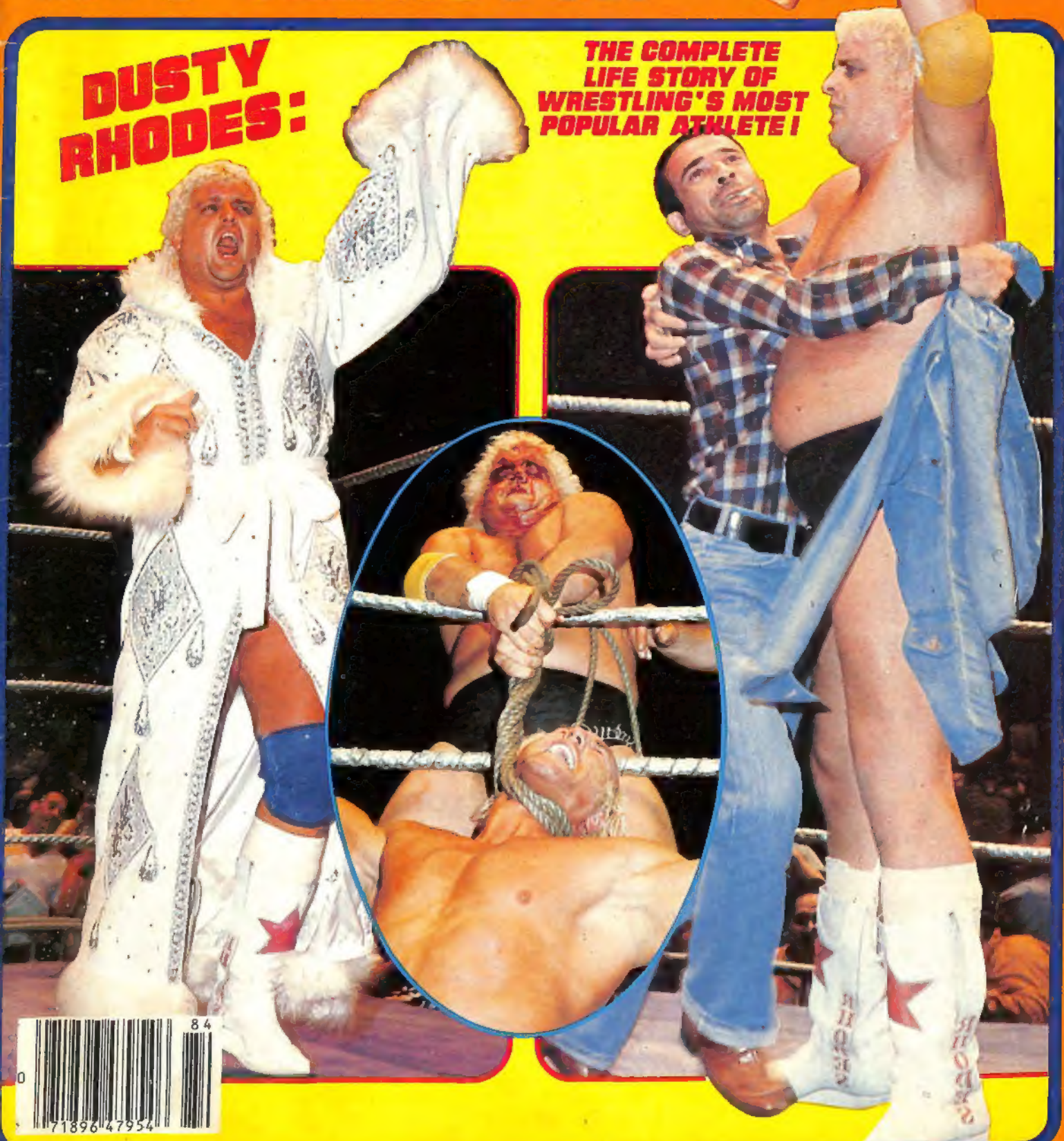
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The steadily growing income brought us many things we could not afford before. My efforts were so much more productive. I scheduled my time to my own liking. When we wanted a day or two off, we took it. I worked hard but, if I wanted to be home early or quit at noon, I did.

I became so enthusiastic about this business and so appreciative of what it had brought my family that, whenever a man opened a dealership near me, I helped him get a quick start.

The company learned about this and had each new dealer in my section of Michigan spend a day with me. One day the president of Duraclean Company asked me how I would like to move to Headquarters and spend my entire time helping dealers to increase their sales and profits.

That was good news to my ears. Since then I have worked with hundreds of our dealers in their own towns and at regional meetings, con-

SOME YEARS AGO I was a printer in a small Michigan town.

I drew a pretty fair pay check but it wouldn't stretch far enough to provide the kind of living I wanted for my wife and five children.

Then one day I was reading a magazine just as you now are and I saw an ad. It intrigued me. It offered me the steadily growing income I had always hoped for. It said I would have greater security and personal independence . . . and that's what I had been wanting.

I was a little skeptical, but I said to myself, "for a postage stamp I can find out." So I mailed the coupon. In a few days, I got a letter with a booklet that gave the whole story. It opened my eyes. I could see why owning my

step by step **thriving business**

**present job, would
\$21 profit per hour?**

by Bob Ferrel

ventions and dealer group meetings.

Incidentally I sold my dealership at a good profit. If for any reason a dealer wants to sell, we maintain a service to locate buyers and help him sell.

Our job here at headquarters is to show each individual Duraclean dealer how to use his own abilities to bring him greatest success.

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We are NOW enlarging this worldwide system of individually-owned service businesses. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

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You can start small and grow big. A third century ago Duraclean was an idea... but it caught fire and spread to a world wide service.

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Government figures show service businesses are growing faster than industries and stores... \$750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. Your 6 other services are explained in the free booklet we'll mail you.

Only \$1985 starts you in YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than pays the monthly payments we finance for you.

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- 1—IVAN KOLOFF
- 2—ERNE LADD
- 3—DUSTY RHODES
- 4—SUPERSTAR GRAHAM
- 5—DINO BRAVO
- 6—VICTOR RIVERA
- 7—LUKE GRAHAM
- 8—IVAN PUTSKI
- 9—PETER MAIVIA
- 10—TONY GAREA

AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Champion: NICK BOCKWINKLE

- 1—VERNE GAGNE
- 2—GREG GAGNE
- 3—RAY STEVENS
- 4—PAT PATTERSON
- 5—MIGHTY IGOR
- 6—BOB ORTON JR.
- 7—LARRY HENNIG
- 8—RUFUS R. JONES
- 9—SUPER DESTROYER II
- 10—LORD AL HAYS

MOST POPULAR

- 1—DUSTY RHODES
- 2—ANDRE THE GIANT
- 3—RICK STEAMBOAT
- 4—DINO BRAVO
- 5—BOB BACKLUND
- 6—WAHOO McDANIEL
- 7—JACK BRISCO
- 8—MR. WRESTLING II
- 9—BLACKJACK MULLIGAN
- 10—MIGHTY IGOR



ERNE LADD



BILLY ROBINSON



JACK BRISCO



BOB BACKLUND

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

Champion: HARLEY RACE

- 1—DUSTY RHODES
- 2—JACK BRISCO
- 3—RIC FLAIR
- 4—RICK STEAMBOAT
- 5—KEN PATERA
- 6—WAHOO McDANIEL
- 7—ANGELO MOSCA
- 8—DICK MURDOCH
- 9—DORY FUNK JR.
- 10—TULLY BLANCHARD

TAG TEAMS

- 1—BARON VON RASCHKE & GREG VALENTINE
- 2—GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL
- 3—THE LUMBERJACKS
- 4—PAUL JONES & RICK STEAMBOAT
- 5—MR. SATO & MR. SAITO
- 6—MIKE GRAHAM & STEVE KEIRN
- 7—JACK & JERRY BRISCO
- 8—OLE ANDERSON & IVAN KOLOFF
- 9—RAY STEVENS & PAT PATTERSON
- 10—SUPERSTAR & LUKE GRAHAM

MOST HATED

- 1—STAN HANSEN
- 2—RIC FLAIR
- 3—KEN PATERA
- 4—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER
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Reader Report

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DUSTY MOST EXCITING

In response to the letter from Paul Flatley (Fall 1978) concerning the talents of the American Dream, Dusty Rhodes, sure Dusty is flamboyant, sure he is extravagant, and sure he is exciting. Why not? Rhodes' talents speak for themselves. He has been at the top of the sport for years. Wrestlers are

not only paid to wrestle, but to entertain as well. And to call his bionic elbow "not so good" proves that Mr. Flatley is a new fan that doesn't know a dropkick from a drop in the bucket. Nuts to you, Mr. Flatley. The Dream lives. Maybe you'd like ballet more.

TERRY SPANGINELLI
Miami, Fla.



One reader, an avid Captain Lou Albano fan, says that manager Arnold Skoaland will destroy Bob Backlund's career.



Terry Spanginelli of Miami says that Dusty Rhodes is not only exciting, but talented as well. Here Rhodes demonstrates his devastating "Bionic Elbowsmash," a crowd favorite.

SKOALAND BAD INFLUENCE

Your article in the Fall 1978 issue, "Arnold Skoaland: The Power Behind The WWF Throne" was pathetic. You were so off-base that I had to chuckle. Arnold Skoaland was a lousy

wrestler that was continuously beaten upon by almost every man he faced in the ring. He lived by the rules, and paid for it with blood and broken bones. If it weren't for the interference of Bruno Sammartino, Skoaland would be long dead. He can only hurt Bob Backlund's career. Skoaland's lilly-livered attitudes and thoughts on the subject of professional wrestling are outdated and just plain wrong. Backlund will lose the belt due directly to the mismanagement of Arnold "Small Head, Weak Body" Skoaland. He couldn't hold a shoe to the great Captain Lou Albano. Maybe he should try selling pet rocks.

JESSE VILAS
New Haven, Conn.

BRUNO LIVING LEGEND

Your feature on Bruno Sammartino ("The Best Matches (Continued on page 10)

Television Psychic Bob Ferguson shows you

MAGIC WORDS TO COMMAND MIRACLES OF WEALTH, LOVE, AND HEALTH—IN MINUTES!

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Yes, how would you like to say some magic words, and be showered with hundreds of dollars in as little as 45 minutes! Or use amazing healing words, and get rid of crippling ailments instantly! Do you realize that it is possible to instantly and secretly command others to do your bidding... punish evil doers... see behind closed doors... be anything and have anything your heart desires... with magic words so simple yet so powerful, they can only be described as miraculous!

Yes, soon miracles will be happening to you every day, with the amazing secret of **PSYCHIC TELEMETRY**! My name is Robert A. Ferguson. You may have seen me on TV. I have shown hundreds how to use this amazingly simple power to command instant miracles to happen in minutes!

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POSITIVE PROOF THAT WHAT I SAY IS TRUE!

Right now I'm going to prove to you how easily **PSYCHIC TELEMETRY** works for you. Remember, I cannot profit by exaggeration. What I tell you has got to be true, and it costs you nothing to find out for yourself.

● **HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN 45 MINUTES!** I have a report here from Mary D. who needed \$400 quickly. She had no idea where she could get the needed money. Her sister gave her a **Psychic Telemetry Enchantment** to say. In only 45 minutes, she received \$400 from an unexpected source!

That's chickenfeed compared to the staggering results many others have achieved with these magic words! Dave E. had been unable to find a job, and had only 3 days left before having to pay a big bill. He didn't have a cent. In one session, I showed him how to use the **Psychic Telemetry Prosperity Ritual**. The next morning, he was all smiles, as he reported a sudden windfall of \$2,000—more than enough to pay the bill. A miracle? Of course! *For just a very average example of the power of these magic words!*

Dave used the **Prosperity Ritual** at about 9:00 P.M. At 8:00 A.M. the following morning, he got the money! As simple as that! I HAVE HUNDREDS OF CASES ON FILE, PROVING HOW EASILY MIRACLES HAPPEN WITH these magic words! Before I give you the next case, let me say this: **DO YOU NEED MONEY?** Say the powerful words on page 37! With this secret, money is always available to you!

You can get any amount of money at any time you need it! I am telling you the sky's the limit on how much money you can ask for and receive quickly with this power! Proof?

HOW AGNES C. WON OVER \$500,000 WITH THE WORDS FOR WINNING CONTESTS!

Agnes C. was told about enchantments and spells, but insisted that she possessed no psychic powers and never had any psychic experiences. Here's what happened: she kept dreaming of a man in a flowing robe with dollar signs all over it, holding up 7 fingers, saying: "A dollar a day keeps poverty away!" She purchased a one-dollar lottery ticket.

"I simply could not believe it when my number was drawn for the grand prize (7 days later). I still can't believe it," she says. "I won over a half-million dollars." Agnes and her family are now enjoying their new lakefront home with its private boathouse and dock. They have two expensive autos and all the other luxuries money can buy.

The point is: **YOU CAN USE THE SAME SECRET!** You'll find the very words she used on page 37 of my book, and it won't cost you a single cent to find out what they are, and how they'll work for you!

MAGIC WORDS FOR MIRACLE HEALING!

Before I tell you how YOU may achieve a **MIRACLE HEALING**, let me tell you how a man was healed of arthritis in FIFTEEN MINUTES! A friend of mine, Louie A., tried the power **Ritual for Magnetic Healing** on page 146 on his next-door neighbor, Ken, who was confined to a wheelchair with arthritis. In a matter of minutes, the crippled man was WALKING! "I haven't been able to walk for months," he said, "and you got me out of my wheelchair."

Since that day, Louie has been able to heal "incurable" diseases! AND YOU CAN DO THE VERY SAME THING! This is just an average case. With this power, you can command healings like this on almost a daily basis. I'm telling you this power is FANTASTIC!

Look what you can do, with exact words I give you on page

139-140—

- Cure ulcers, nervous headache, and insomnia! Calm the nerves!
- Cure diseases of the liver and spleen—stop bleeding!
- Strengthen the eyes, control epilepsy and disorders of the stomach!

- Cure heart disease, increase circulation, and heal gout!
- Heal burns, conditions of the nose, throat and sinus, treat hay fever and asthma!

... and much more! With these words, you ask great rays of healing power to enfold you, pulsating within every nerve and cell of your body, cleansing, soothing and healing! Whatever you are trying to heal, you know the job will be done.

MIRACLE CURES REPORTED!

Do you realize that it is possible to get rid of crippling ailments almost instantly with healing words? You can command that all sickness and disease be banished from your body! Here is a force so powerful that it almost defies description! It can heal a withered limb or return sight to the blind... raise the crippled from their beds! It has brought miracle cures to the suffering and the lame!

● **KIDNEYS MIRACULOUSLY HEALED!** Evelina's only hope was to find a suitable kidney donor. She was so weak, it took two people to almost carry her to the hospital for her frequent treatments. There seemed to be little hope for her. With this method, she says—

"My whole body began to tingle—it felt like little electric shocks were playing games at the small of my back... suddenly... I knew I was healed! I leapt from my bed and ran into the living room screaming, 'I'M HEALED, I'M HEALED!' Our house was filled with tears of joy that night."

Today she is so healthy, she can hike and even climb mountains! It happens all the time with **PSYCHIC TELEMETRY**—

● **HOW HARVEY C.'S ASTHMA WAS CURED!** Harvey C. suffered asthma all his life. He could never run more than a few steps, without gasping for breath. Doctors were unable to cure it. I was so positive Harvey's asthma could be cured, I merely had him say the words on page 139-140. He never had another asthma attack! Now he can run and even play tennis!

● **HAROLD SAW HIS LUNG SPOT VANISH!** Harold F. was shocked, when told he had a spot on his lung, and needed an immediate operation. His wife quickly used the amazing healing words on page 145. The day before the operation, when x-rays were taken, the doctor was baffled. "I don't know how to explain this," he said. "Your lungs are perfectly clear."

MAGIC FORCES THAT WORK MIRACLES

Once you call on them, powerful forces stand ready to fulfill your every command. You can be confident that they will work a miracle.

● **HOW ALLEN F. WON \$800 AT THE CRAP TABLE AFTER USING THE MAGIC WORDS ON PAGE 30!** Allen F. needed \$800 by Monday morning. It was Friday afternoon, and things looked hopeless. He's never been inside a gambling casino and knew nothing about roulette, craps, or blackjack, but he had a strange urge to try it. With only \$4, he said the magic words on page 22, turned silently, and headed for the crap table. He threw the dice, and it came up 7. He tried it again and again. A crowd gathered. The dice were changed, but he kept throwing 7's. He walked away with \$800!

Anyone can use these magic words. When you use them, what you command *does* happen! You can count positively on real results. It always works! It is not evil—nor is it Black Magic. Like electricity, it is simply a power given by nature to make life easier!

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others, you can secretly and invisibly watch their every move and hear their every word!

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in Bruno Sammartino's Career") in the Fall 1978 issue was fantastic. I think I could look at pictures of this great champion forever. Seeing the picture of Bruno, arms upraised, strutting around the Madison Square Garden ring after taking the title away from Buddy Rogers in just 48 seconds brought a tear to my eye. I was at the Garden that night and my grandchildren

Bruno Sammartino raises his arms in triumph (above) after winning the WWF crown from Buddy Rogers. One fan feels that Andre the Giant (right) should stick to wrestling.

can never hear the story too often. It will go down as one of the greatest moments in the history of modern man. The pictures were great. Please, more on Bruno in the future.

SAM SAMUELS
College Park, Md.

ANDRE SHOULD STICK TO WRESTLING

After reading your article "How Andre Almost Destroyed Dusty Rhodes . . . By Helping Superstar Graham!" in your Fall 1978 magazine, I was furious. Where in wrestling law does it say that a lumbering fool like Andre the



Giant should have the intense responsibility of refereeing a match with the importance of a Rhodes-Graham clash? He's so big, it would take him 20 minutes to get on his hands and knees and start a count of three. The time has come

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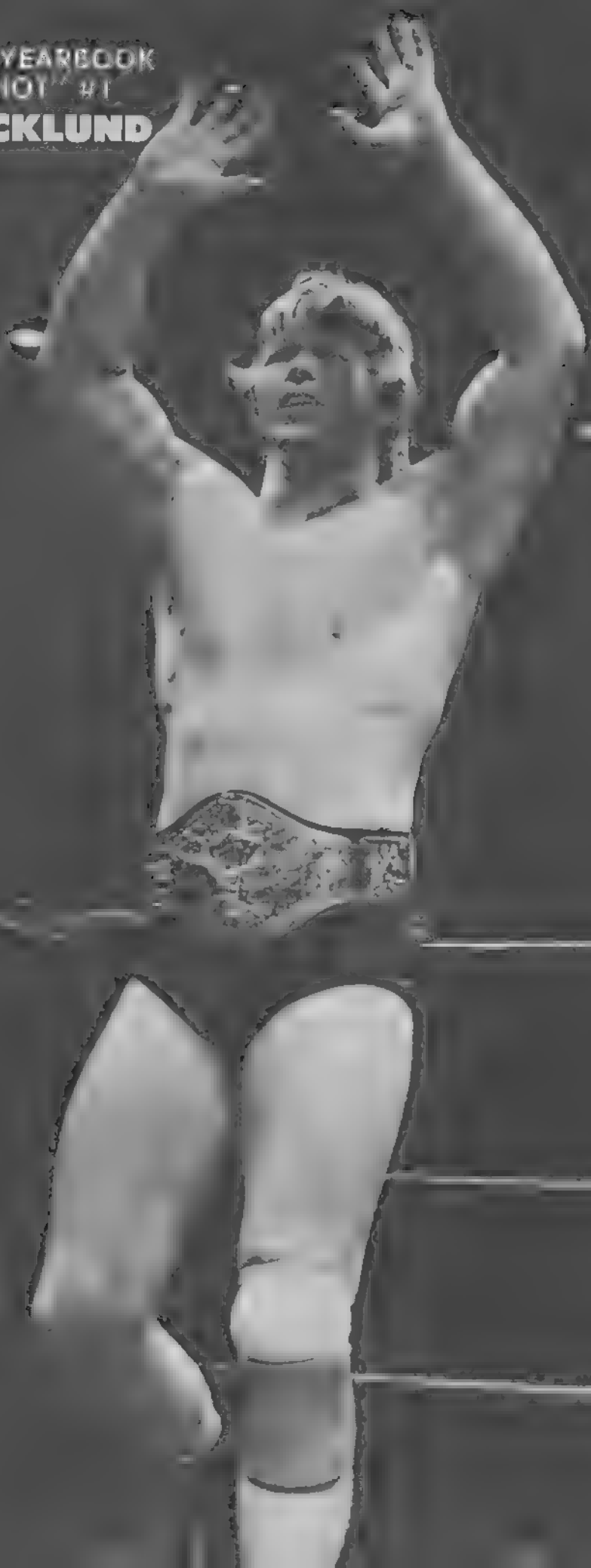
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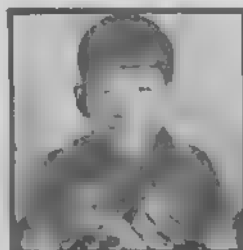
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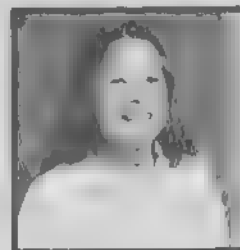
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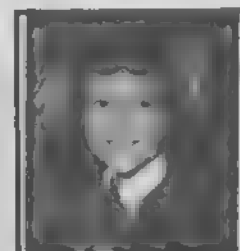
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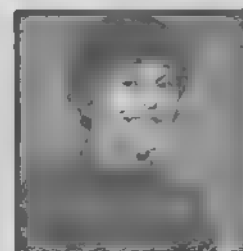
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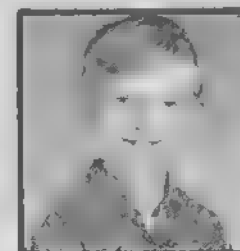
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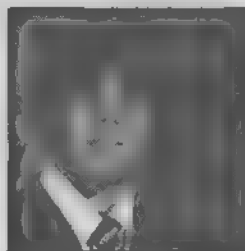


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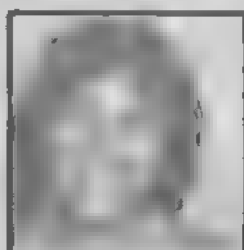
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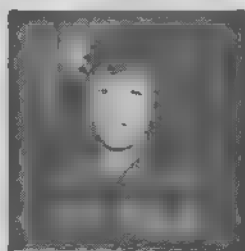
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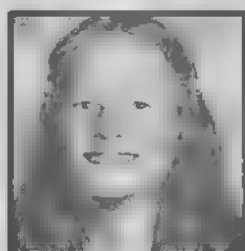
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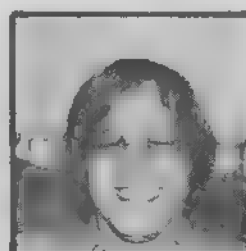
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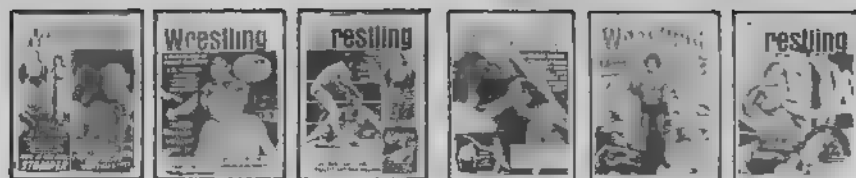
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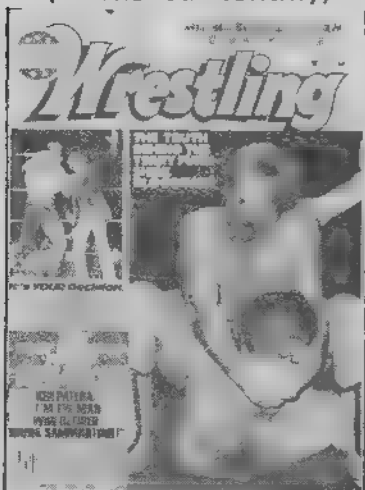
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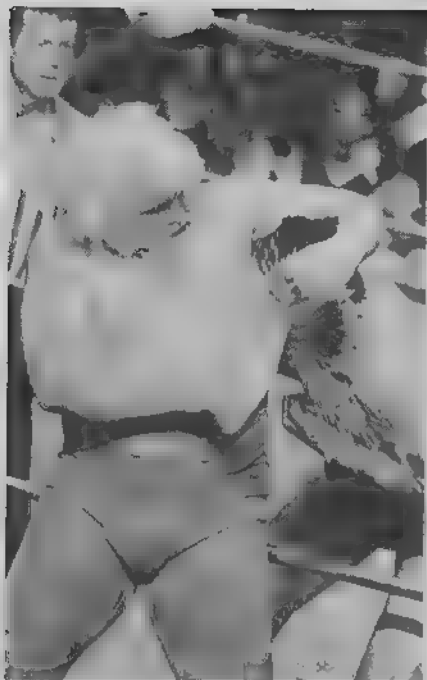


MOONDOG MAYNE IS DEAD. Born Lonnie Mayne, he was given the nickname "Moondog" by fans who thought his actions resembled that of a rabid dog.

Mayne made a name for himself with his offbeat actions—eating live goldfish, chewing glass, and other equally

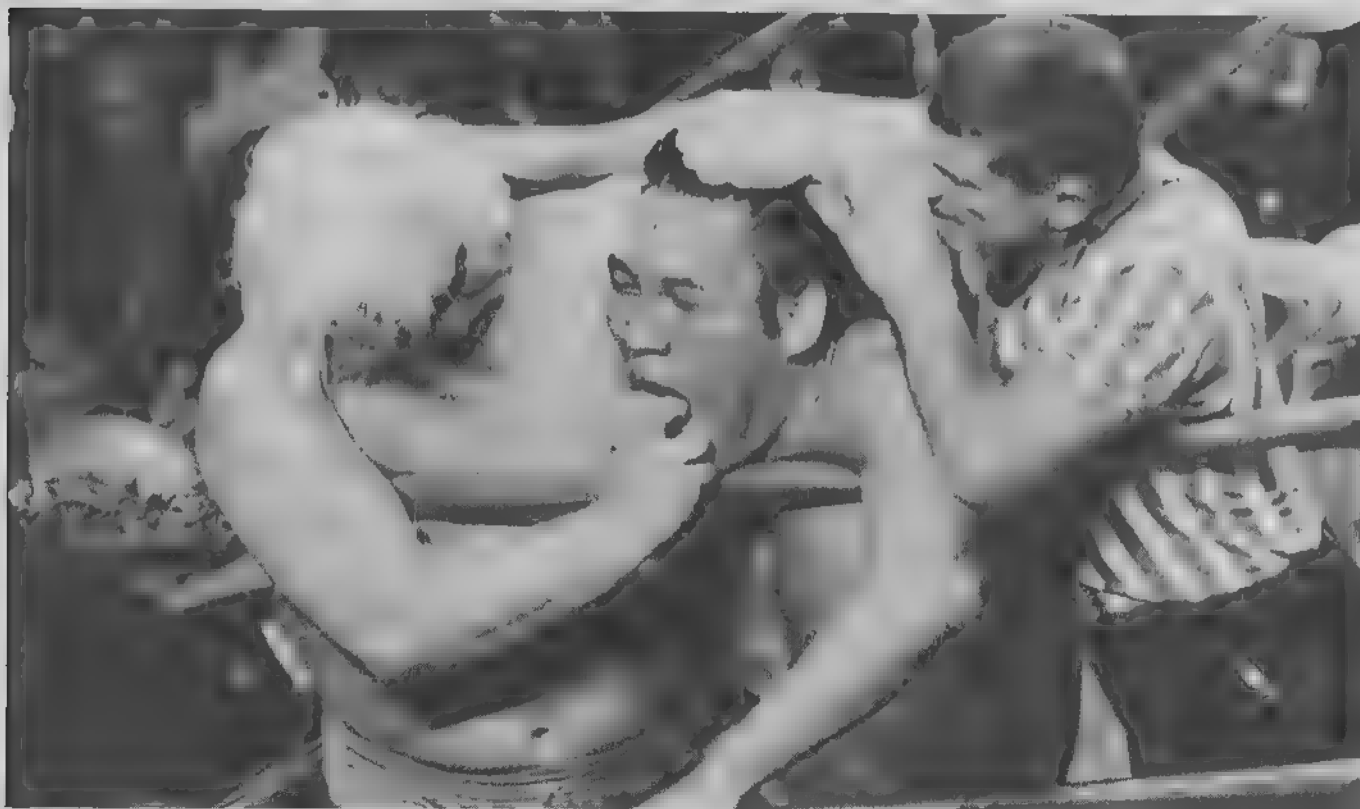
astonishing feats. However, you can't take this away from Mayne—he was one hell of a good wrestler.

Moondog spent much of his time wrestling in Oregon, an area where he lived and in which he loved to wrestle. The fans in that area took to him and he was a fan

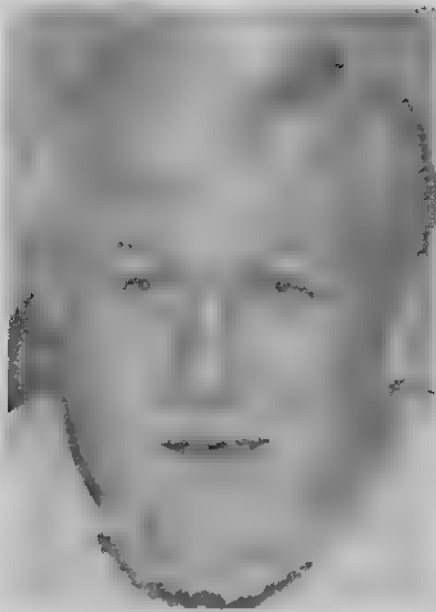


A beer comes in handy for Moondog (above) to use on unsuspecting Pak Song. He could wrestle scientifically, as Pat Patterson found out (right). Moondog's viciousness (below) can never be forgotten.

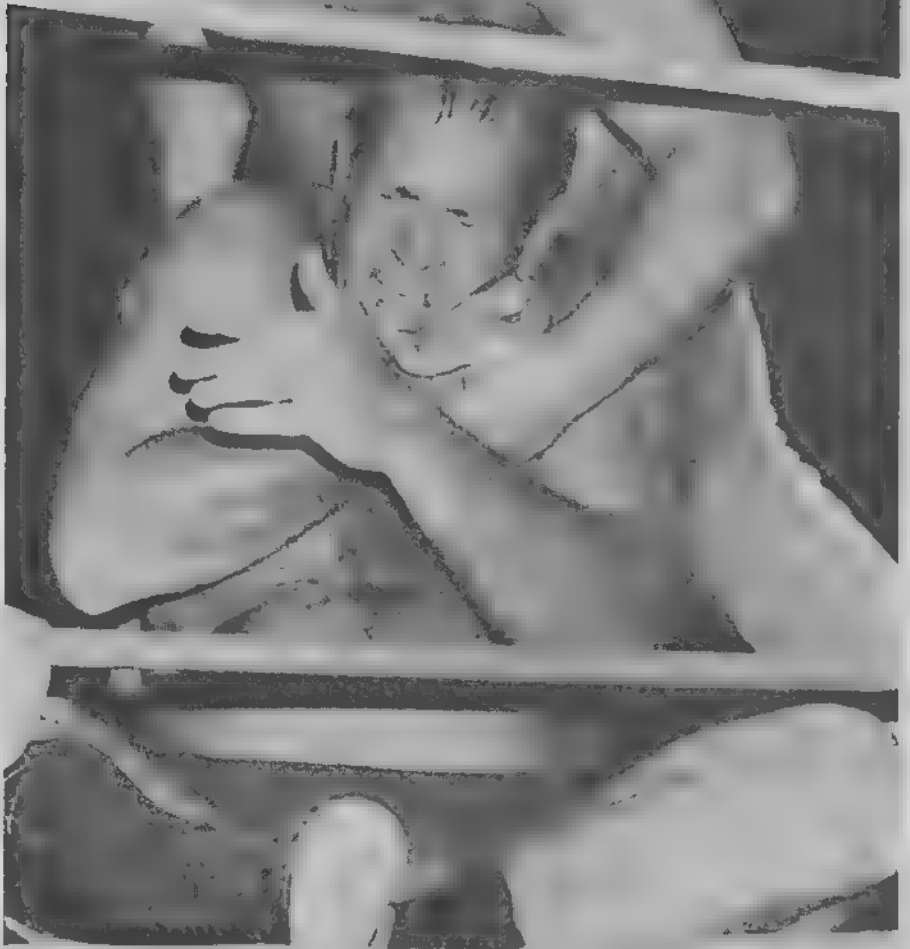
Tragedy has struck the wrestling community with the untimely death of Moondog Mayne, one of the most colorful wrestlers in the sport's history. We are all saddened and diminished by the emptiness he leaves behind him







An early photo of Mayne (above). A photo from his classic match against Fritz Von Erich in August, 1976 (right). Moondog ate live goldfish (below)!



favorite there. But in other areas of the country, Mayne was hated as much as any rulebreaker in the sport.

Many regional titles came Mayne's way during his long career. The one championship that always eluded him was the world title. However, his matches against then WWF champion Pedro Morales and NWA champion Terry Funk

are considered two of the toughest bouts any champion has ever had to face.

In his last few years, Mayne became a fixture in Texas and California. It was in California that he became a victim of the horrible automobile accident that took his life and dreams away.

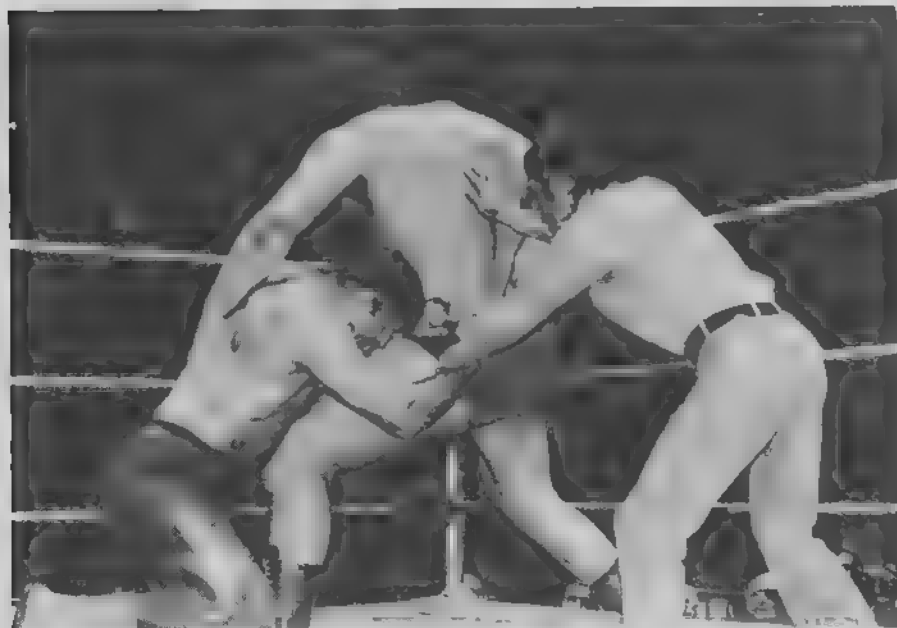
Moondog Mayne is dead, but not forgotten. He was one of a kind. □

It's a serious charge that Killer Kowalski's bringing against Andre The Giant. But if Killer really believes what he's saying, it's easy to understand why he hates Andre

KILLER KOWALSKI'S FLAMING HATRED FOR ANDRE THE GIANT



Andre the Giant, outraged, is preparing to take a swing at his tormentor, Killer Kowalski.



Kowalski tries to pull down Andre's trunks, exposing only Andre—but no brass knuckles

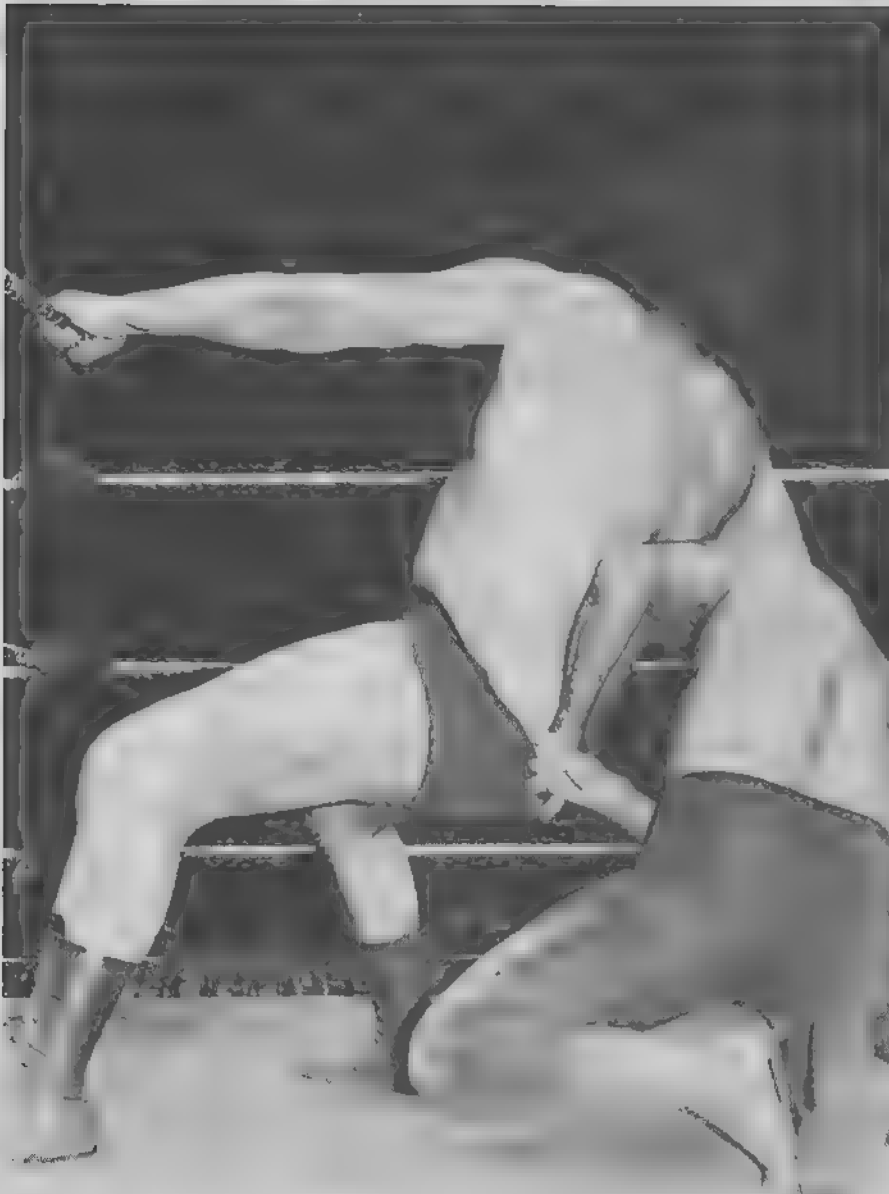
IT IS NO secret that Andre the Giant and Killer Kowalski have no love for each other. Respect and

admiration, possibly. But love? No way!

"Who says I have respect and admiration for that baboon?" hollered Kowalski. "Certainly not me! If I was as big as him I'd *never* lose a match. I'd win every match within a matter of seconds. Andre has absolutely no class, no style, no finesse. He's nothing but an overstuffed, oversized gorilla—a walking statue.

"Andre is so bad he has to use brass knuckles in most of his matches. Because he's so big fans never dream that he might do such a thing. Same with the referees. But you can take it from me. Andre the Giant is nothing. NOTHING! So help me, if he tries to use those brass knuckles on me, I'll take them away as easy as taking candy from a baby, and beat his head to a pulp!"

Andre vehemently denies the charge of ever using brass knuckles.



Kowalski's hand snakes down Andre's trunks, searching for brass knuckles. Killer came up empty-handed but convinced his gargantuan opponent had hidden the weapon someplace else upon his person!

saying, "I never use any foreign object. I don't have to especially against a pushover like Kowalski."

That's all Kowalski had to hear.

"I'll tear him apart. I'll humiliate him in front of 22,000 fans. I'll make him think twice about wrestling again. He's soon gonna get a beating that will long be remembered in the annals of wrestling history."

Before the start of the match, Kowalski insisted the referee check Andre to make sure he didn't have brass knuckles on him. The Giant was only too happy to oblige.

Walking over to Kowalski, the referee said, "He's clean, Killer. I can't find a thing. Personally, I think you were imagining that Andre uses brass knuckles."

"Don't tell me I'm crazy!" screamed Kowalski. "If I find brass knuckles, I'm gonna use them on both of you!"

As the match progressed, Killer found out Andre's strength was for real. No matter what move he tried, he could not bring the Giant down. Andre even absorbed many of Kowalski's best shots and laughed them off.

All of a sudden Kowalski started hollering, "He's got them, ref! He's got them behind his back! The brass knuckles he's got them!"

Before the referee could check Andre, the Giant grabbed Killer behind the neck with one hand and began pounding him with the other. The referee quickly separated the two men and checked Andre's hands. Nothing.

"Oh come on, ref," complained a dazed Kowalski. "He just hit me with the brass knuckles. I know he's hiding them. They're in his shorts."

The referee only shrugged and said, "Sorry, Killer, he's clean."

In a rage, Kowalski attacked the Giant. Killer dove at Andre and grabbed onto his trunks. With all his might he pulled Andre's trunks down, trying to accomplish two things: take the Giant down and also find the "hidden" brass knuckles.

The SRO crowd screamed and whistled as it saw Andre standing before it with his trunks half down. Kowalski had succeeded in pulling Andre's trunks down. Now he wanted to remove them completely!

Andre fell to the floor in an effort to stop Kowalski. The move worked. Killer's grip loosened and Andre pulled his trunks back up.

Kowalski sprang to his feet and began kicking the Giant, who was stretched on the floor. Although Andre blocked many of Kowalski's kicks, a few got in. Killer thought the kicks had weakened Andre sufficiently enough to pin him.

He applied a flying body slam in an effort to end the match. However, it takes more than a few kicks to finish Andre. The Giant tossed Kowalski off with ease.

Pulling himself to his feet, a still embarrassed Giant stalked Killer. Kowalski was about to pay for pulling Andre's shorts down. Andre slammed him to the mat and followed with a bone-crunching knee-drop. He then lifted Killer up by his hair, and with one mighty forearm smash, knocked Kowalski out of the ring!

On the floor Kowalski hollered, "He just hit me with those brass knuckles again! I know it!"

Andre laughed. Even the referee smirked. Kowalski turned and staggered back to the dressing room muttering, "I'll fix him but good for this. Just wait."

The feud will undoubtedly continue. □



Western superstar Bob Backlund and Oriental champion Antonio Inoki both raise their arms in triumph after a spectacular match (below). Backlund tied Inoki up in a delicate bow-and-arrow maneuver (above left) and in a surfboard (above right), two standard western holds.

Backlund vs. Inoki



WHAT MATTERS

LEGEND HAS IT that there were two endings to the movie "King Kong versus Godzilla." American audiences saw the giant ape vanquish Godzilla and walk away in battered triumph. The

Oriental audience saw Godzilla drown King Kong and move away in battered triumph.

Now there was only *one* ending to the Bob Backlund-Antonio Inoki match. But

there are two different versions of who really did better in the match.

"Inoki was in complete control throughout the match," declared one Tokyo journalist.

A championship match that spans the globe, bringing together the best of Oriental and Western wrestling, is very special. The match between Antonio Inoki and Bob Backlund could be the epic scientific match of this century!

Bob Backlund takes Inoki into the air (right) with his famous atomic spinebreaker. Inoki somehow recovered.

"I don't think I've ever seen Backlund manhandle an opponent like he did tonight," insisted an American writer accompanying the WWWF champ on the trip.

Get the idea? Even the usually restrained Tokyo crowd reacted feverishly.

They applauded with uncharacteristic loudness

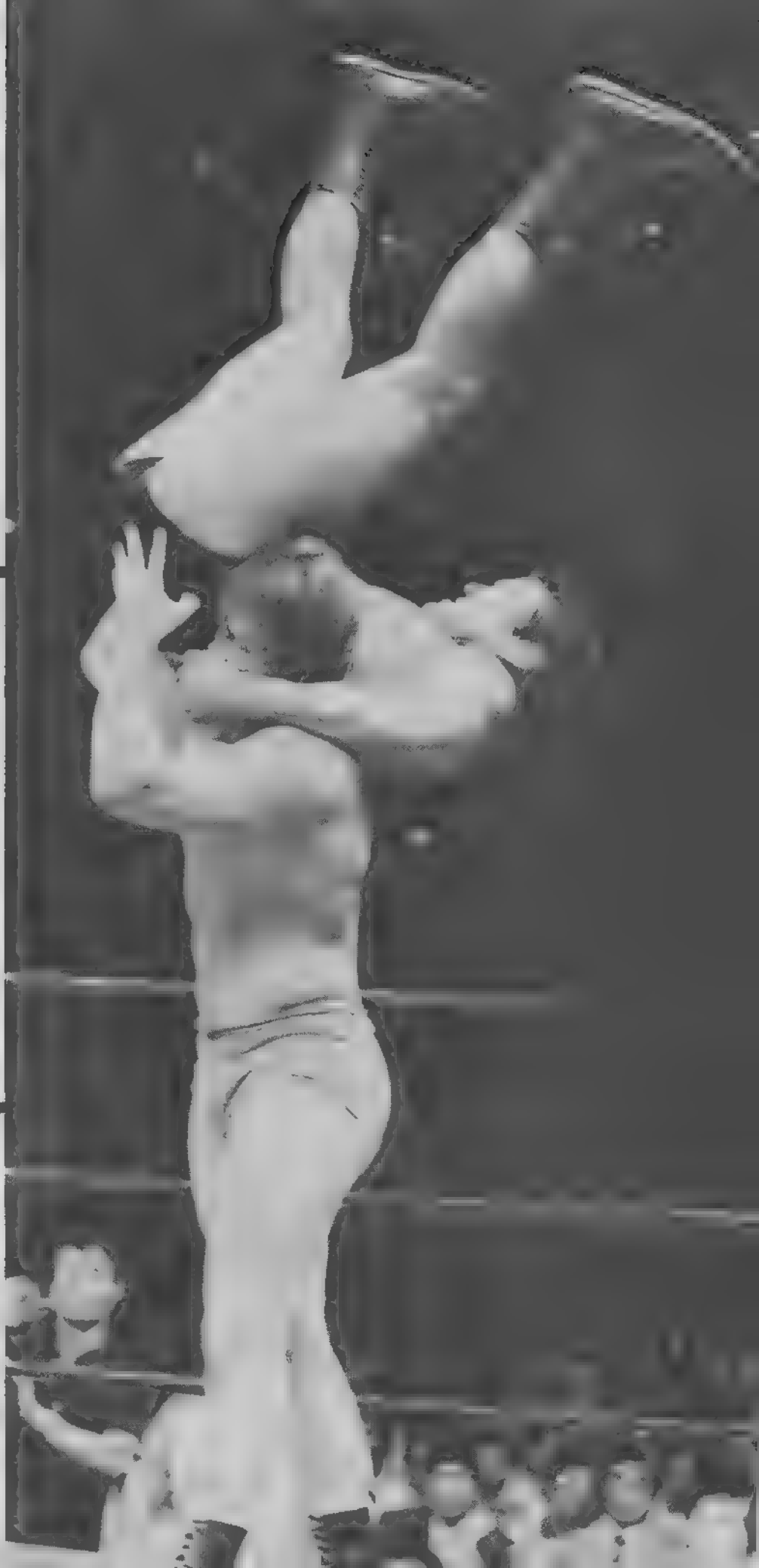
Inoki: AT A CH!

and piercing jeers which knifed through the huge arena.

That was what this match did to the fans. Putting aside the controversy over who actually won the match, let us focus on exactly what happened.

Despite a grueling journey, Backlund seemed fresh and exhilarated by the impending challenge.

"Some things just pump





Both wrestlers were near submission several times (above, left and below) as the pace was fierce. It was a classic scientific match.



Backlund showed Inoki and the Eastern fans diversified moves, both on the mat (above) and in the air (below).



you up," Backlund said. "Wrestling Inoki was an exciting moment for me."

Inoki is a tough grappler constrained by the Oriental ideals of courtesy and chivalry.

"I have waited a long time for this," Inoki said.

A measure of prejudice must be allowed. Not only was Inoki a local wrestler, but he is considered a national hero, another factor which kept this match within the boundaries of scientific

wrestling.

"I could never do anything to disgrace my people," Inoki said somberly.

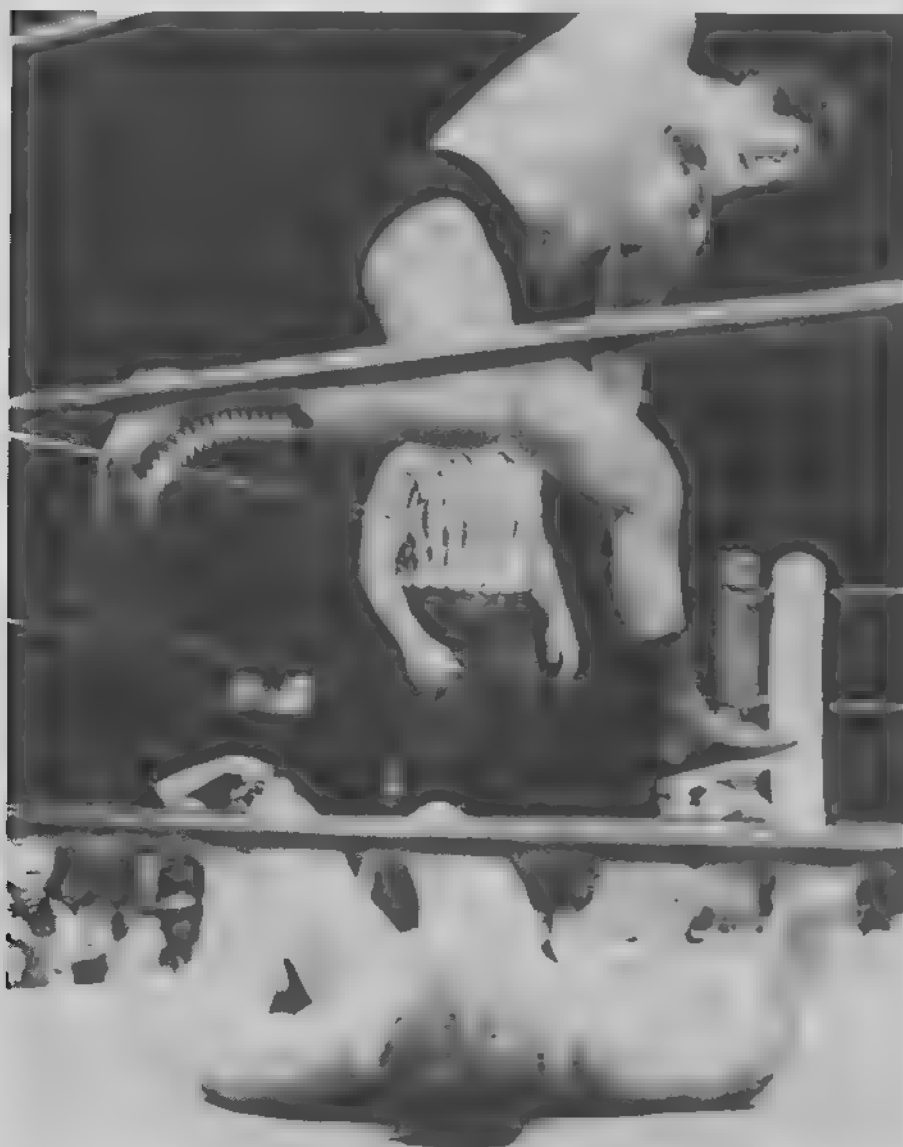
They warily stepped around the ring, expressions guarded, tense. Backlund charged and maneuvered Inoki into an excruciating armhold.

"The first blow is the most important, after the last, that is," grinned Backlund.

Inoki, a former NWF world champion, responded with an agile arm-twister that flung



The match was a see-saw affair. In the late going, Backlund took a quick advantage when he displayed his great strength by picking Inoki up, high into the air (above, left). Despite an excruciating leg hold (above, right), Inoki recovered to down Backlund and jump on him (below).



Backlund against the ropes. A loud eruption of joy warmed the arena.

"It helps to have your people behind you," smiled Inoki.

Unbridled electricity raced through these two brilliant wrestlers. Back and forth, they mirrored maneuvers, two straining, sweating figures savagely seeking that subtle edge.

Inoki tossed Backlund to the canvas. Backlund responded, and knocked down Inoki, but was unable to pin the giant Oriental. Inoki staggered to his feet, digested the encouraging shouts and attempted a rough move on Backlund's legs. The American fell to the ground to deafening waves of approval.

"He'll win," shouted a reporter at ringside. It was a premature celebration.

Backlund lifted Inoki, an incredible feat, and hurled him to the ground. The crowd was silent, their mouths open and mute. Backlund dove at Inoki. This was to be the finishing blow.

With astonishing and effective agility, Inoki tumbled away, rose and seized Backlund by the chest. The arena went berserk as Inoki and Backlund tore at each other.

"Backlund's way ahead in this one," an American writer concluded.

"Inoki should get the decision," a Japanese journalist thundered.

Actually, neither man did win this match. The bout was declared a draw.

No winners?

Or two?

Does it matter?

□

DUSTY RHODES:



THE COMPLETE LIFE STORY OF WRESTLING'S MOST POPULAR ATHLETE!

IT'S EASY TO start an argument between two wrestling fans. Just state with loud certainty that you believe a particular wrestler is superior. Or a certain champion is better than his predecessor. Or one maneuver is more effective than another. Or rulebreakers are more important to the sport than scientific wrestlers.

Argument? It might develop into a verbal brawl! But arguments evaporate and smiling agreement is instantaneous when one man is mentioned.

Dusty Rhodes. Wrestling's Most Popular Wrestler. No one will disagree with that statement.

We've compiled an exhaustive section dealing solely with Rhodes. We delve into his private life and into what makes the man tick. Dusty describes the crippling injury he had to overcome at age six.

We re-create that one night Rhodes will never forget. Glorious triumphs are recalled, re-lived and savored again.

A startling secret is revealed which all fans have wanted to know. It is the secret behind Dusty's "Bionic Elbow."

Why is Dusty Rhodes the "People's Champion?" What magic ingredient stirs otherwise apathetic crowds to feverish levels of enthusiasm when Rhodes steps into the ring?

Here is Dusty Rhodes. The American Dream.

Here, in what is sure to be a collector's treasure for many years to come, is the true life story of wrestling's favorite personality, Dusty Rhodes. This is the feature fans have been waiting for, all the heartbreak and all the joy of the man who conquers foes with ability and fans with love

Dusty Rhode

DUSTY RECALLS THE fateful night in Kansas City which hurtled him into that brilliant and long partnership with Dick Murdoch. It was the team known as the "Texas Outlaws."

"I was only twenty years old and I'd just been wrestling for a short while. I walked into one of the promoter's offices, Gust Karas. Great guy. He's passed on now. So I'm sitting and talking to Gust. Here I am with my sharp blond hair and I'd just finished playing football, so I looked pretty funky, if I do say so myself.

"Gust looks at me and says, 'You know, there's this guy wrestling who looks just like you. Dick Murdoch. Ever hear of him?'"

"I said sure, I knew of him, he's from Amarillo. But I'd never met him. We were introduced and Dick and I just hit it off.

"We just had that sort of chemistry which allowed us to be great partners and great friends. For the next five years, we were like brothers. We won every major tag team title in the country.

"Along the way, our rough



Dusty Rhodes and Dick Murdoch, The Outlaws, pose in a Detroit dressing room (above) before going into the ring and totally demolishing their opponents. There was no team more vicious in wrestling history. They doubleteam Bobo Brazil (below left) as he tries to help his partner. Outlaw Dusty is bloody (below right) but it doesn't phase him one bit.

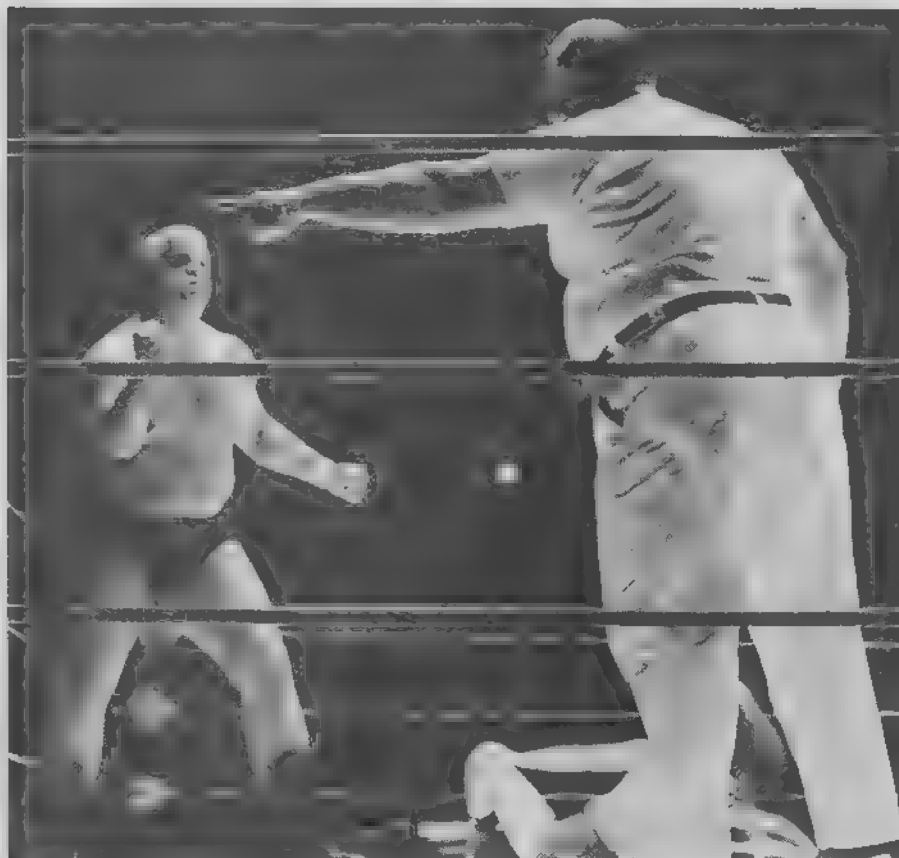


Although today he is wrestling's most popular man, there was a time when Dusty Rhodes was the wrestler fans hated most. Here is Dusty in his most violent days, times long past, but which must never be forgotten

s — Outlaw!



As you can tell, Murdoch and Rhodes were masters of doubleteaming (above) as their poor opponent doesn't know what's hitting him. Outlaw Dusty is ordered back to his corner (below) for repeatedly kicking his opponent after the man had already submitted.



tactics got us the nickname the 'Texas Outlaws.' We were tough boys back then."

Unlike many broken partnerships, Dusty and Dick parted as friends.

"I always had my individuality and there were always things I wanted to try on my own, which you can't do in a tag team," Dusty recalled. "We just thought it was about time that we go our own way. We each had things we had to do."

Rhodes admitted that his first solo match was an unsettling, even terrifying experience.

"After all those years depending on someone, you get kinda spoiled. I remember I was getting whopped real good. Then I kinda shook myself alert, looked in the corner and saw Dick wasn't there.

"Right there, I truly knew that I didn't have a partner to depend on anymore and that I had better get my act together if I was gonna succeed."

And succeed he did. Still, memories of those bad guy days cling to Dusty Rhodes. However, Dusty claims that he hasn't really changed.

What's changed is society.

"I'm the same now as I was when I first broke in and people called me an outlaw. It's the world which has gotten more violent. I wouldn't take garbage then and I don't take it now!" □

Why He's The People's Champ



One of the most popular men on television, Dusty appeals to everyone. Here he is interviewed on the "Championship Wrestling From Florida" program hosted by award-winning announcer Gordon Solie. The ratings on the show are tremendous every time Dusty appears.

WHAT IS IT about this smiling, handsome Texan that so infuriates opponents? What sort of charm does Dusty possess which causes crowds to unleash their affection and love?

Why, above all other wrestlers, is Dusty Rhodes given the warmth and devotion of millions?

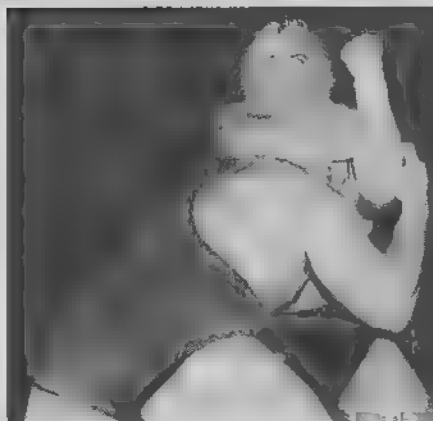
"I think I dominate the sport more than anyone else alive," Dusty said factually, without boasting.

"Now I'm not talking about just one area or one country. I'm talking world-wide. Everyone around the world loves me. No wrestler has ever had this kind of support, with the exception of Gorgeous George.

"Why? I don't know."

Rhodes is not unassuming. If he knew the reason or had some plausible explanation, he

Though never a world wrestling champion, Dusty securely holds the number one spot in the hearts of fans. The reasons are many. The result is a hero of our time for all time



When Ken Patera called Dusty's fans "morons," Dusty took offense at the remark and promptly wrestled Patera (above left). He defended his fans' honor throughout the battle. Dusty loves kids. These two youngsters (above right) interviewed Dusty for a nationally known newspaper.



would have told us. But he doesn't. No one really knows.

It seems clear enough. It is his charisma, an intangible ingredient which cannot be developed but which one is born with.

It is the way Rhodes behaves in the ring, the boyish smile, the sincere love which erupts from this gently violent man.

Fans know that Rhodes genuinely cares about them. They know they can shower

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MANY OBSERVERS IN wrestling feel that before a man can become a truly brilliant performer, he must go through an experience that humbles and drives him to a low point that would destroy him most men. The man must lift himself up from this point and learn, grow and become a champion from it.

Such an experience influenced Dusty Rhodes' life.



Right: Dusty is six years old and crippled by the disease osteomyelitis. Above: Dusty licks the disease and quite some time later he can get out with his friends and play football.

How He Overcame A Crippling Disease



Like baseball great Mickey Mantle, Dusty had to overcome a crippling bone disease. It threatened his athletic career, but never shook his faith. Like all great men, Rhodes survived this affliction and emerged a stronger person

It may be the primary reason he is at the top of his sport today.

At the tender age of 6, Dusty was forced to deal with and combat a dreaded disease, osteomyelitis. The horrible disease, best known for

affecting baseball great Mickey Mantle's career, was concentrated at Dusty's hips. He was forced to walk with crutches for many months. A child full of energy, Rhodes could not frolic with the other Texas youngsters.

"The doctors said that I might never walk again," Rhodes recalled. A pained look crossed his face as he discussed this incident. "Many of the other kids would look at me funny and

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SPECIAL BONUS
PHOTO FEATURE

Dusty's Ch an



Left: A childhood study of baby Dusty. Above: Dusty always liked to be around horses. Below left: With his "main man," his father. Below Dusty (kneeling left) and the Austin PAL Little League.



Childhood in Words and Pictures!



There's an old saying, "The child is the father to the man." Come with us now as we explore the formative years of wrestling's most popular athlete, Dusty Rhodes. The man he is today was born in the exclusive photos on these two pages

Above: Dusty on "Beaver," his very first pony. Above right: Dapper Dusty and his date Mayleen Lung are off to their Jr. High prom. Below: On a baseball scholarship at Texas' Sulross College. Right: Sophomore year high school gridiron star.



A Look Into His Private Life



Dusty is interviewed in our New York City office about his personal life. "I'm crazy about horses and country and western music," Dusty says. "I also dig good food and I love trying new restaurants all the time."



Dusty during his recording of "Let's Get Funky." "Man, I can sing better than anyone," he says. "Well, almost anyone," he adds.

VERSATILITY, BOTH IN and out of the ring, is a Dusty Rhodes trademark.

Once the trunks come off and the boots are unlaced, a gentler, more contemplative Rhodes emerges.

"I love to keep busy and get involved with a lot of different things," Dusty said. "I just love horses, both riding and training them. I have quite a few on my ranch.

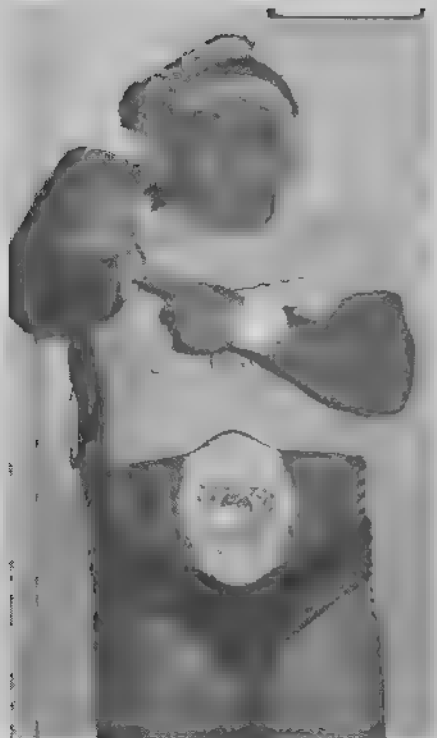
"I also love good music, especially Willie Nelson. But I get into all sorts of music."

Since he is a restless person, Rhodes can't confine himself to just sitting night after night and listening to the vocals of Nelson recreating the despair of the road.

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Fans who love Dusty Rhodes really don't know the man behind the public personality. For the first time, a reporter and photographer are allowed to give fans a private glimpse at their hero

The Secret Behind His "Bionic Elbow"



The elbow that has caused a mountain of controversy is shown off by Dusty Rhodes (above). Superstar Graham is the unfortunate victim of the patented bionic elbowsmash (below).

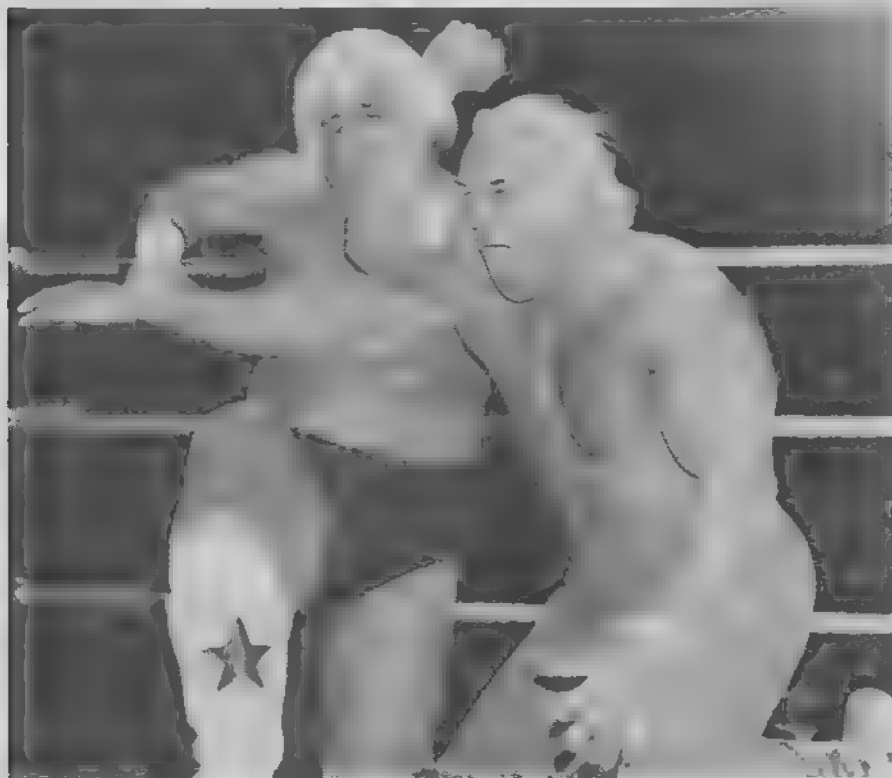
THE SPANISH ARMADA. The hydrogen bomb. Joe Frazier's left hook. The Mafia. Don Rickles' insults. Dusty Rhodes' right elbow.

The above items have only one thing in common. They are respected and feared by everyone that knows of them. We know a lot of people that would swear that the last item on that list is the most dangerous and powerful of all.

Dusty Rhodes' joint located halfway between his forearm and bicep is known throughout wrestling as the "Bionic Elbow." It ranks with the greatest weapons in the history of the sport. When the Rhodes elbow smash lands squarely on an opponent's face or body, with the force of Sherman marching through Georgia, the result is usually predictable. A scream of pain, followed by a decided advantage favoring Rhodes in the match. Often, when the Bionic Elbow lands in just the right spot, the match will end within the course of a few seconds. The move is charismatic. It fits the master well.

However what is Rhodes' long-held secret concerning his "Bionic Elbow?" Did he receive a new titanium elbow during a transplant operation? Have calcium deposits made his elbow as hard as steel? Has the skin been removed surgically so that opponents are hit with bare bone? No, Rhodes' story is more simple, but nevertheless awesome.

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One of the most potent weapons in wrestling is Dusty Rhodes' "Bionic Elbow." Though all opponents fear it, few understand it. Now Dusty reveals how he perfected this magnificent maneuver and how it may revolutionize wrestling

His Greatest Triumphs



A legend is born. It is 1969 and Dusty Rhodes makes his professional debut against the tough and popular Oklahoma Kid. Dusty holds the experienced Oklahoma Kid to a draw, breaking the Kid's winning streak

THEY ARE INNUMERABLE, rippling waves of glory which blend into one giant, inseparable tidal wave of triumph. They are the great moments in Dusty Rhodes' career.

"I remember one time, well, you don't ever forget that first time you wrestle and make your first big splash in the profession. I think that's a triumph, my first pro match." Dusty frowned thoughtfully.

"It was 1969 and I made my debut. It was against a tough dude named the Oklahoma Kid, and I still remember the excitement I felt. After all those years of training under Joe Blanchard, I was ready."

The memories leap spiritedly through the years and re-emerge in the mid-seventies.

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If anyone has to ask, "What Makes Dusty Rhodes so great?", here is the answer. On these pages are chronicled Dusty's greatest victories, the matches that have made him the most beloved grappler of all times!



The championship belt of the southern states fits well around Dusty's waist (left). He's proud of it. Flashback: 1969, against the Oklahoma Kid (above). Dusty (right) displays the Florida title.





The record-breaking crowd of more than 20,000 fans go berserk with approval as Dusty wears the WWF championship belt (above). Midway through the classic encounter, the "Dream" bodyslams Graham (below). Fear is written all over Superstar's face (right) as Dusty prepares to hit him with his famous "Bionic Elbow."



The One Night He Can't Forget

CERTAIN DAYS IN our lives are unforgettable. We relive them over and over again, tossing them about in our minds like visions of dancing maidens floating on puffy clouds. Some memories are good and rich, some are bad and nightmarish. No matter, they are all remembered.

Unfortunately, the night Dusty Rhodes will never forget ended up as a nightmare. Rarely has any man had a night in his entire

life with more mixed emotions tossed about like salad greens than Rhodes did. The night was at Madison Square Garden. Rhodes, having never won a world championship, wrestled titleholder Superstar Billy Graham for the WWF throne. Fans who were there still mumble and mutter remembrances. It is the night Dusty Rhodes will never forget.

"I had been having my feud with Graham for many years

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The great career of Dusty Rhodes is intimately familiar with the glory of victory and the agony of defeat. One incredible night, both these sensations exploded within him, an ordeal Dusty can never forget

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Greg Gagne (above) holding the infamous foreign object that Bobby Heenan brought into the ring. The object and the photos we have printed may get Heenan in big trouble with the wrestling authorities.

The picture was sent by photographer Roger Deem, an act of rare courage.

"I saw what Heenan's been doing and it's a disgrace," Deem said. "I caught this picture, realized how shattering it was and knew your magazine had to have it."

In possession of the condemning picture, armed with massive files of prior Heenan trickery, all that we had to do was print the story.

And then the threats began.

He tried to disguise his voice, muffling those ugly tones.

"This is an interested party and I found out about those pictures you guys got," the voice rasped. "Don't you dare print those pictures."

We knew who it was. No one else cares about Bobby Heenan. Only Bobby Heenan is insane enough to care about a madman.

We had to use the photograph. We had a responsibility. No

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It is the policy of this magazine to print the truth without fear or favor. The photo you see on this page was printed despite the threats of Bobby Heenan to force us to suppress the truth. Our responsibility to the fans is more important than any threat

THERE WAS NO return address on the large manila envelope. It was postmarked Minneapolis. That, and its thin shape were the only clues we had as to its contents.

Then we opened the package. We were horrified at what we saw.

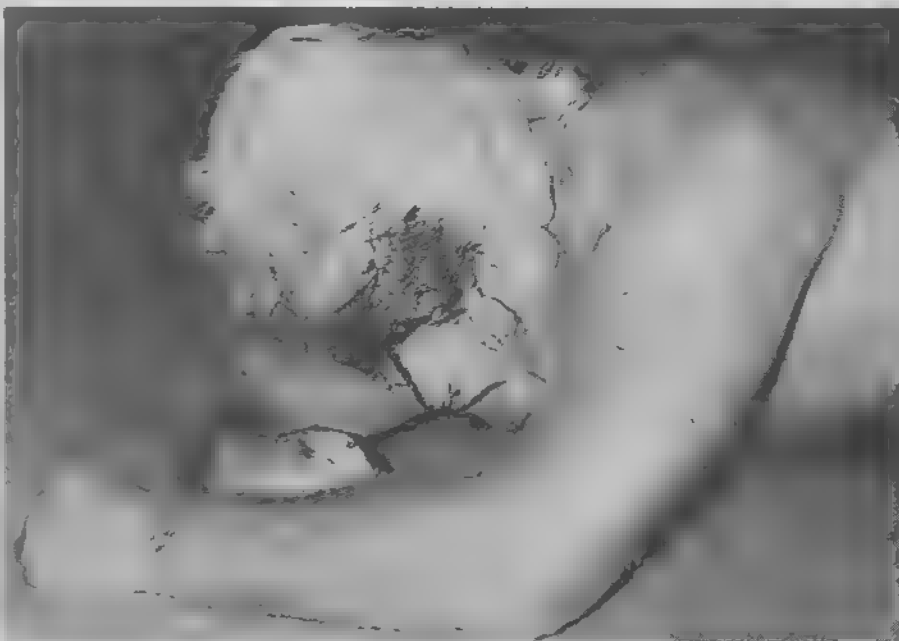
A picture of a shoe. A wrestler's shoe. A foreign object, perhaps a pencil was jutting out of the shoe. The shoe belonged to Bobby Heenan.

It was solid proof that Bobby Heenan had introduced a foreign object into his bout against Greg Gagne.

Here was undeniable proof that Bobby Heenan uses, and has always used illegal methods in his matches.

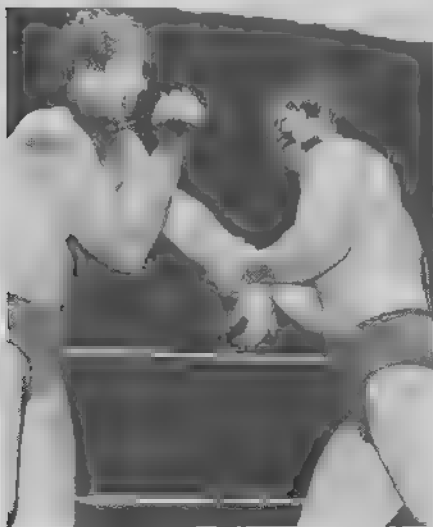
It is proof that could get Heenan suspended. He knows. We know. He is determined to stop us.

Bobby Heenan writhing in his own blood (below). Heenan despite bringing the foreign object into the ring, received a tremendous amount of punishment when Greg Gagne captured the taped-up pencil from him.



Andre the Giant

THE LONG BOOMERANGS thrown into the crowd. The smooth felt cowboy hats tilted at an arrogant angle. The rough, lined faces that have seen it all. The tall Australian flag carried into the ring so proudly. Yes, it can only mean one thing. The Fabulous Kangaroos are back. And Andre



Kangaroo Bob Heffner has Terry Funk in a painful position as he twists his arm, trying to dislocate it.

the Giant and Terry Funk have them.

Andre the Giant and Terry Funk against the Kangaroos? Are we crazy? Is this a misprint? No, it

actually happened, fulfilling life-long dreams of two very strange bedfellows, Andre and Funk.

"I'll admit it isn't a marriage made in heaven," Andre said, "but stranger things have happened. I was in the locker room one night after a match and I passed by Terry. Usually, we wouldn't start up a conversation, as I don't associate with too many wrestlers outside the ring. But Terry was reading a recent issue of THE WRESTLER and I saw a horrified look on his face. 'I can't believe it' he said, 'the Kangaroos are coming back as the "new" Fabulous Kangaroos. Boy, I'd love to get my hands on them and choke them with their own boomerangs!'"

Andre was shocked. He didn't think that anyone else in wrestling could have hated the Kangaroos as much as he did. He began talking to Funk, and they decided that if they ever got the chance, they would team up and meet the "new" Kangaroos and fulfill their lifetime fantasies.

"Meeting the Kangaroos in a tag team match is the highest a wrestler can go," said the former NWA champion Funk. "They are the veterans. After wrestling them,

you can say you've made it. Of course I still hate the bums with a passion, but I'll get my chance. I'm glad they're back in America, because they are gonna have a short stay here. I'm gonna send them both back on stretchers."

Fate plays its inevitable role in wrestling, and the promoters kept



Heffner is shocked at how easily Andre the Giant lifts him high into the air and prepares to bodyslam him.

the request of Andre and Funk in mind as the Kangaroos began destroying all comers. The hunger and desire of Andre and Funk was

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DRAWN TOGETHER BY A LIFETIME DREAM

t & Terry Funk:



It had to happen. Sooner or later, Andre the Giant and Terry Funk would join forces to challenge the tag team both men hate most. Here is the truth behind their strange war against the Kangaroos!

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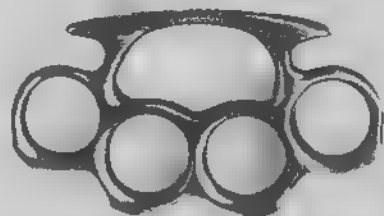
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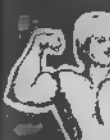
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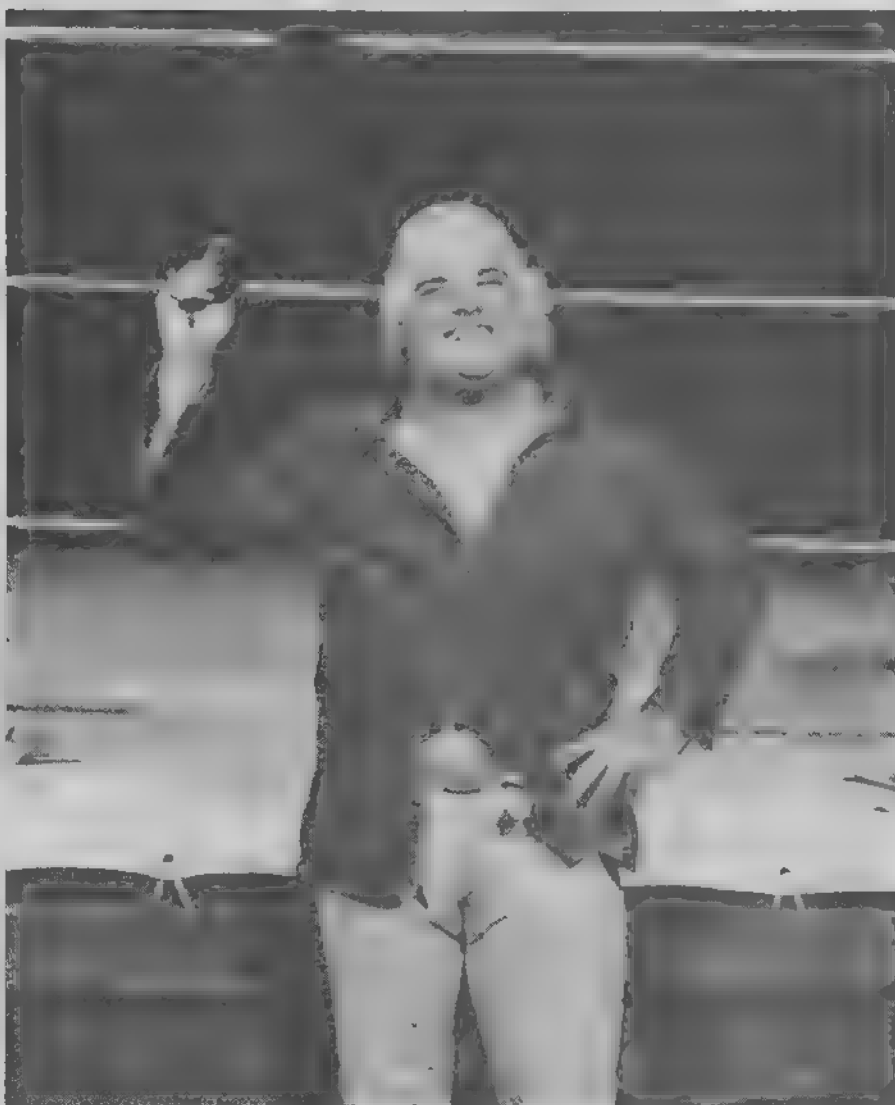


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Why He's The People's Champ

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The million dollar smile is evident (above) as Dusty says hello to some of his fans. He happily poses with fan Troy Germano (left) at New York's "Hit Factory" studio where Dusty is making a record.

affection upon him and invest their loyalties without fear of betrayal.

"I'd never turn my back on my fans," he said. His smile vanished and was replaced by a determined scowl. "Lots of wrestlers say that and then, at the slightest opportunity such as money or the belt, they will turn rulebreaker.

"Not Dusty Rhodes. If I did, the fans could come up and

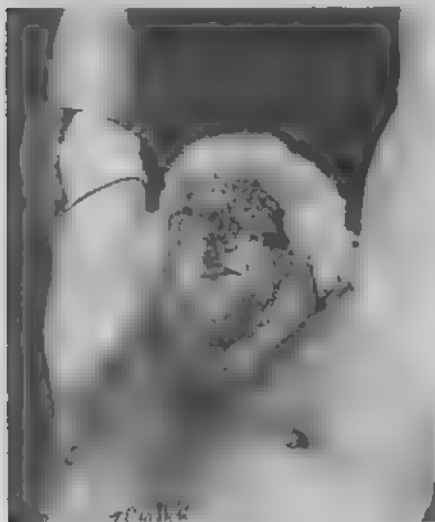
rip my boots off me, 'cause I wouldn't want to wrestle knowing all the hurt I'd caused."

Certain wrestlers must flail around the ring using wild theatrics to arouse even a fraction of the response Rhodes evokes with a mere grin.

"Fans think I'm right there with them and they're in the ring with me," Rhodes said. "I guess they feel I'm like family. That's the way I want it."

Slicing across geographical boundaries, age groups and income levels, these vibrations of love propel Rhodes to greater glories.

"You know I want to live up to their expectations. That's not easy. It's a helluva



Dusty has been bloodied at the hands of opponents who are jealous of the admiration the fans hold for him.

responsibility being the people's champion. A belt is, after all, just some metal, a title that's worthwhile, but not the whole ball game.

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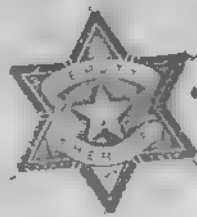
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How He Overcame A Crippling Disease

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walk the other way when I'd come by. Then they would talk about what a freak I was behind my back. This left a tremendous impression on me."

While his friends played and participated in various forms of children's games, Dusty sat and waited. He

But guts, determination and heart are what legends are made of, and Dusty displayed all of them, even at age six. He fought hard, kept his spirit high and never gave up.

"You fight a terrible disease like that more with your insides than with your body," he said. "If it beats you



As you can see, Dusty has no problem at all. He is as agile as anyone and Terry Funk will swear to that. "I knew if I could overcome that disease when I was a kid, everything else would be easy," Dusty says.

wanted to run and fight, to wrestle and horse around, but there was nothing he could do. "It especially hurt to see my brother Larry, my own flesh and blood, running and playing with the horses and animals, and taking part in the football and baseball games," Dusty pointed out.

mentally, it is sure to beat you physically. Once the disease knows that it can't win, it will slowly give up and go away. When the times are the toughest and the pain is the greatest, you have to be your bravest. Luckily I was brave, because my daddy instilled these qualities in me."

Dusty survived. One leg is shorter than the other, though, and corrective surgery may be performed in a few years. Of course the disease affected Dusty's early athletic career, but after



Dusty discusses his childhood disease with one of our editors (above). Another bad injury (below) caused by the clawhold of the despicable Killer Krupp.



handling it at its worst, he was able to rejoin his friends on the fields and in the yards.

The experience will never be forgotten. "The disease probably did more in making me a champion than any teacher, training or natural ability. My legs still give me trouble today, but after licking osteomyelitis. I know I can lick anything. It truly was my toughest foe ever." □

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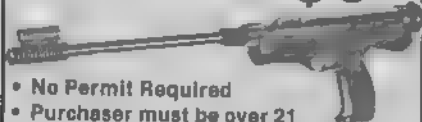
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A Look Into His Private Life

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Dusty is a proud and happy man both at the arena and away from the mat world. On his ranch (above) he gets ready to enjoy a day of horseback riding. The day is shared with business too as Gordon Solie joins Dusty (below) for a television special about Dusty's private life.



Rhodes has decided to try his hand at singing. He's impressed enough people to cut an album, which he recently completed in New York.

"I love singing. It's just a whole 'nother facet of my personality which I felt had to be expressed.

"With singing I can just get into the feel of a song by trying to bring out what this dude was trying to get at and what sort of pain or pleasure he was feeling when the song was written."

Not a crooner, Dusty is more of a soft, cajoling singer.

"Cajoling, hell, I'm down-and-out sexy," Rhodes cackled. "I stand up there and have a few lovelies accompanying me in the background, and I sing about important things like emotions. That's what makes the world go around, brother. Love and pain. That's what



This is Dusty's mother. He loves to spend time with her whenever the opportunity presents itself. She considers herself his most ardent fan.

Dusty wants to give the people."

One of the advantages of planetary fame is the opportunity for travel.

"I love to travel. There's nothing quite as exhilarating as meeting new people from different backgrounds who have something different to say. Hey, I don't care if I'm in New York or Australia, man, people are people and I try to groove to them all and love 'em all," Dusty said.

Mention food to Dusty and you receive the smile of the connoisseur.

"I love good, fine food, any kind, really, though I must say that eating Chinese food is a real delight. I love truckin' down to New York's Chinatown and feasting on some real good egg-foo-yong.

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The Secret Behind His "Bionic Elbow"

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"In the beginning of my wrestling career in Texas, I was training with some pros in Austin. In those days my heroes were Dory Funk Sr. and Gorgeous George and wrestlers like that. You know, the real big stars. Well one day I vowed that I would be like them, but I realized that to do it, I'd have to train and train and train. I began lifting weights and working out like a madman. The other wrestlers, even the pros, told me to calm

down, or that I would burn myself out.

"Well I was determined until I overdid it. It was lifting weights, doing curls with about 200 pounds on the bar. All of a sudden I heard a snap. Everyone else in the gym turned around and stared. My left arm had broken, as clean a break as you'll ever see. I mean it was busted, daddy. The weights were too much strain for it.

"I figured I wouldn't be



When Professor Boris Malenko is hit full force with the elbow (above left) his body weakens and he is about to collapse. A bloody Dusty hits Superstar Graham (above right) with the bionic elbow. A new twist (below) as Ric Flair gets a taste of a flying bionic elbows mash.





Korean giant Pak Song needs all the help he can get as Dusty socks it to him in style with his famous elbow.

able to wrestle for a while, so after the Doc set the arm in a cast, I began training again, doing any exercises that didn't involve my left arm. I did a lot of work with my right arm especially; I did one-handed push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and weightlifting. It didn't take long before my right arm looked like a solid mass of nothing but muscle. It was tight, baby."

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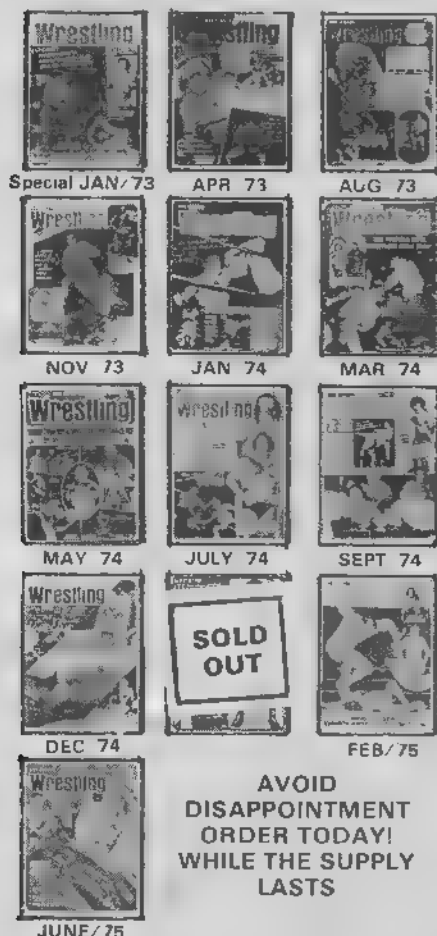
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His professional debut over, Dusty and the Oklahoma Kid are exhausted (above). A rare photo of his eighth pro match (below) against Dewey Robertson.



"First time I thought I'd whipped Harley Race and won the belt. To this day, no one will ever convince me that I was not the NWA

champ. I whupped him fair and square and there was no reason for me not to get the title.

"But that was a triumph. Another great moment in my career was winning the Florida Heavyweight title and the Southern Heavyweight title. I had to stomp through a mess of people on my way to those belts and they were memorable victories."

Rhodes has never won a world title. He will not explain why with limp, self-serving excuses.

"It's my temper. You want to know why I've never won the belt. It's because of my temper. I'm a violent person and I have trouble controlling myself. It's stopped me before and I guess I'll have to get a

handle on it if I ever want to be champ."

The emptiness of being a perennial contender is more than filled by the adulation Rhodes receives. He insists that the "Antonino Rocca Memorial Award," given to the most popular wrestler never to win a major title, is his most cherished possession.

"You can take all the belts and line 'em up right on top of one another, and they won't come close to matching the triumph of fan affection.

"To me, that is my greatest triumph. I have become the fans' favorite wrestler. I've done this without winning a



The Oklahoma Kid uses his famous "Bulldog" headlock, trying to end his match against Dusty. He is amazed as Dusty survives the best he can dish out.

major belt, so there goes that prerequisite.

"I've achieved this plateau from just being good ol' Dusty Rhodes.

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The One Night He Can't Forget

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when we finally met for the title. Not only was I getting a fantastic chance to finally win a world belt, but I was going to go for it against a man I've hated for years."

The ghost of past opponents crippled by Graham was also lurking over the shoulders of Rhodes that night. His heart was beating furiously and his head was up somewhere near Pluto.



Referee Ed Gersh proclaims Dusty the new WWWF champion, only to be the man who must take the belt away moments later due to a technicality.

"Sure I was extra-psyched," Dusty remembered. "But when I came out of the dressing room and saw and heard the more than 20,000 fans shout and call my name, I knew this had to be the night."

The match was predictably brutal. Graham was not about to give up his newly-acquired belt too easily. If Dusty wanted it, the Dream would have to go out and get it the hard way. After all, that's the way he had gotten everything

else in his life.

After a long, even match, Rhodes got the upper hand and didn't let go. He pressured Graham unmercifully. This was the moment he had been waiting for. Number one, at last!

Rhodes began beating Graham convincingly, hammering away until the champion was close to an unconscious state. Suddenly the match was over. Rhodes was prancing around the ring. His life had taken a new meaning. He was the champion! As his hand was raised by the referee and 20,000 people went berserk with approval, Rhodes grabbed the championship belt from a WWWF official at ringside. Holding it high above his head, years of frustration and heartbreak were erased by the fans' love and warmth.

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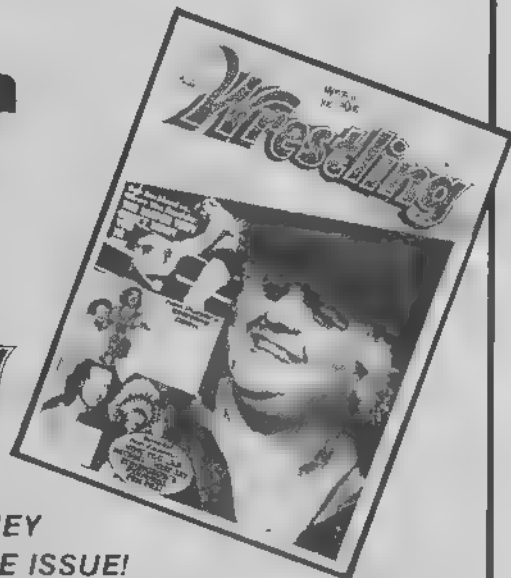
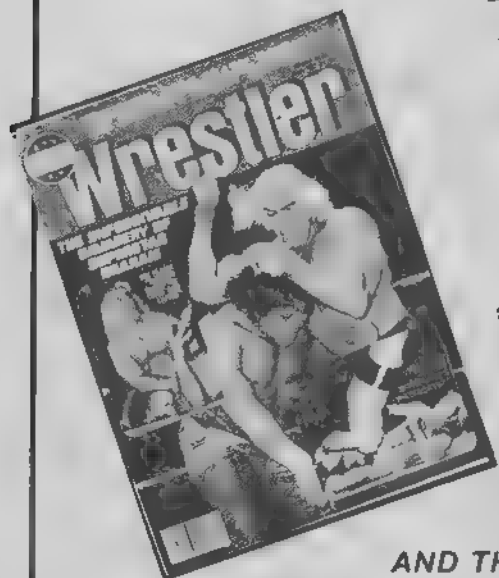


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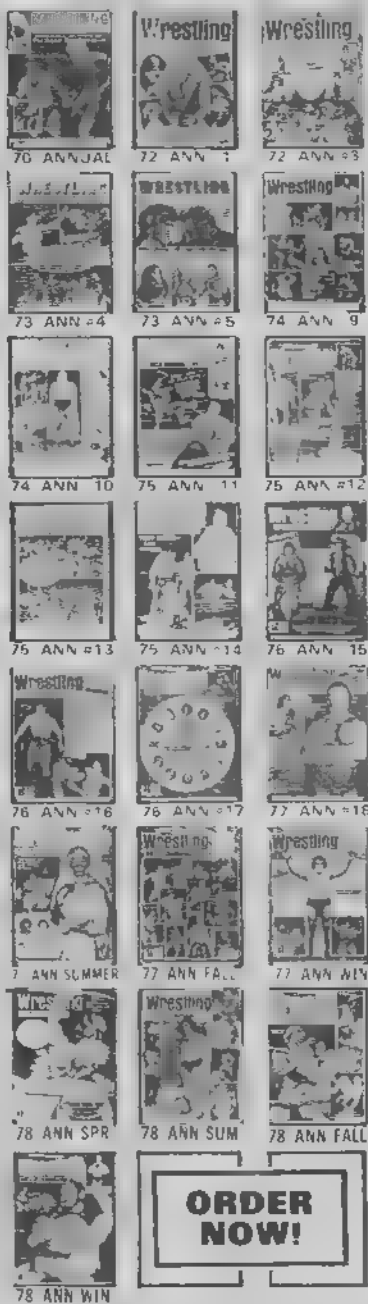
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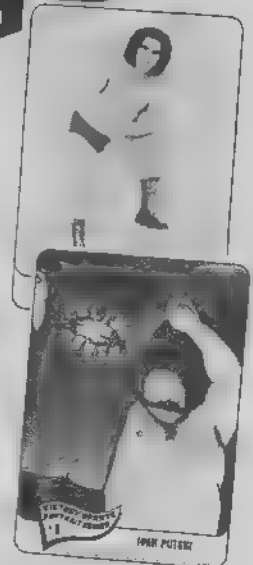
challenger in the WWWF, is uncharacteristic. Every time Steele's picture is in your magazine, he is drooling, biting on his green tongue or chewing the turnbuckle. I think George is a humble, handsome man. I will grant that in the ring he loses much of his appeal, but let's give the man a fair break. A portrait of George, with a flattering photo should adorn your next issue.

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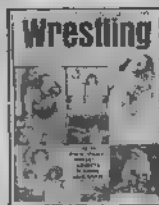
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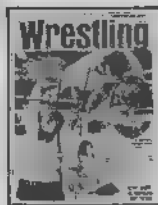
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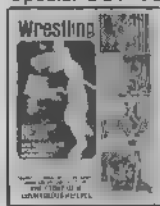
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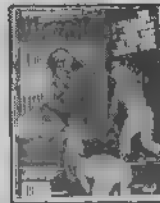
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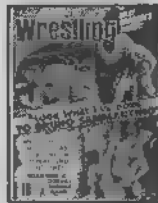
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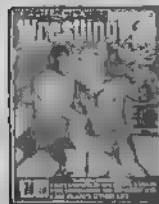
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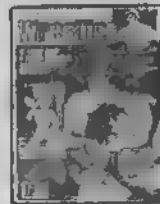
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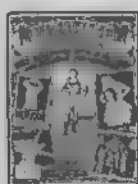


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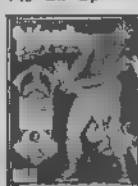
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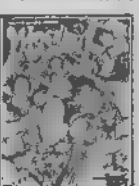
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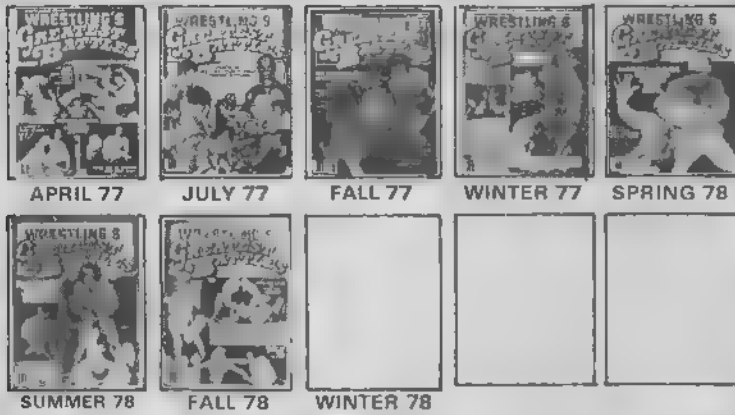


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Heenan, who threatened us with promises of violence if we printed these pictures, suffers as Greg Gagne punishes him after capturing the foreign object (above and below). Our startling photos appear to undeniably indict Heenan for an act we always suspected.



coward, trembling behind a telephone and afraid to use his own voice, would stop us.

And then the threats became

louder and brasher, taking on the sinister overtones of impending violence if we dared print the picture.

"You guys better not try to print that or you'll wish you were never born," the caller warned. We taped the voice, compared it to old tapes, and knew it was Bobby Heenan.

There were no allies to turn to. Our professional ethics would not allow us to discuss such an article with anyone outside our staff. Such morals do not apply to creatures like Heenan.

"Hey, you think it's right to print some phony picture?" Nick Bockwinkle snarled. "And even if it's true, and I'm not saying it is, you think it's right to get a guy suspended?"

"You little creeps better not put that picture into your stinking magazine or there'll be hell to pay," warned Bob Orton Jr., another of Heenan's mindless soldiers. "You won't get away with it. We'll stop you."

The threats grew. We would not be deterred. We laid out the pages, prepared the story, sent it to the typesetter, passed it on to the proofreaders, and shuffled it into the art department.

And then the finished product was in our hands.

Through some devious means, Heenan learned of our production deadline. He knew when the issue would go to the printer. He threatened to . . .

"The truck won't get through." His voice was now brittle with fear. "I'll make sure of that."

Our staff subsisted on coffee and sandwiches until well past midnight, waiting for that one call.

"The issue is out," the voice told us. Heenan had not attempted any sabotage.

Yet.

We don't want plaudits for our job. To those of us regularly taunted and threatened by the rulebreakers of wrestling, Bobby Heenan is a laughably dangerous fool. We have never shirked our duties to the fans and we're not about to start.

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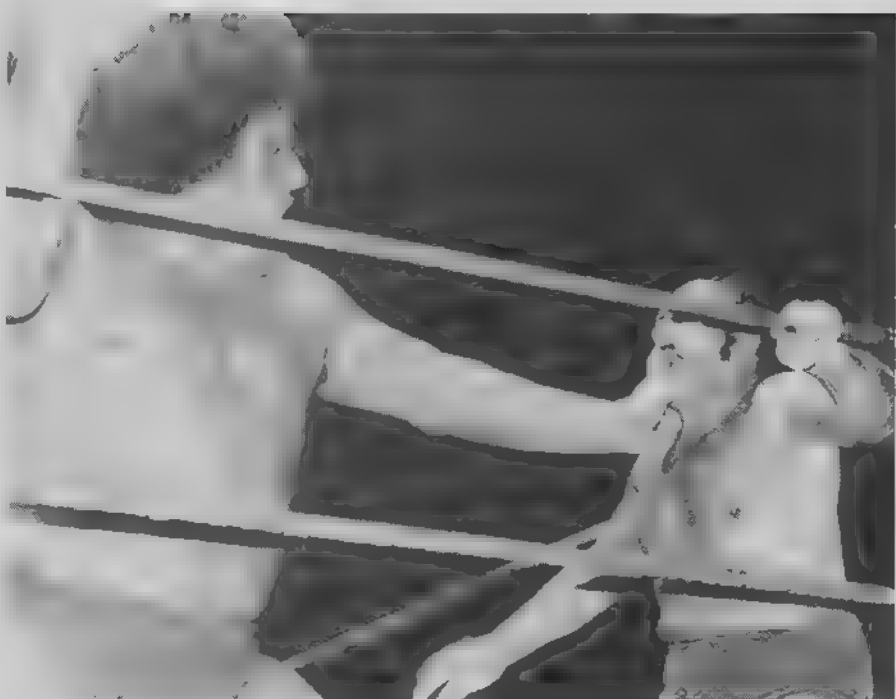
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DRAWN TOGETHER

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Andre traps veteran Kangaroo Al Costello in a corner (above), a very dangerous position for Costello. Andre and Funk await the starting bell (below).



growing.

The Kangaroos did not want to meet the odd combination of Andre and Funk too soon. Realizing that the match would be the toughest they would have, the Kangaroos postponed the match until they felt they were at their peak. Undefeated, they were leaving injured and beaten

opponents in the ring like second-hand boomerangs. The old flair, the winning charisma, the undeniable teamwork that symbolized their heyday seemed to reappear. But Andre and Funk were ready and waiting.

"When you have dreamt about a match all your life, and you finally get the chance to square off, you make the most of it," Andre said. "The opportunity may never pass your way again. Extra-special matches get me sky-high."

If Andre was any higher for the tag team encounter, his head would have gone right through the roof of the arena. The only question that remained was whether Andre and Terry Funk would mix well. Their styles are as different as their suit sizes. Andre, undefeated and a clean wrestler, was not used to a partner like Funk, who is a brawler. However both are champions and they displayed their skills well against the veterans from Australia.

The two teams left the fans screaming for more. From the opening bell, Andre and Funk gained and kept a sizable advantage. Their incongruous

styles, diverse talents and burning desire kept the Aussies off balance. Even Kangaroo Al Costello, the veteran of the team, could not seem to gain a rhythm during the match.

Furious action highlighted the match. After 15 fast minutes, Andre and Funk emerged victorious. The dream was too good to be true. Not only did this unlikely pair get the chance to wrestle the Kangaroos, but they beat them convincingly! The boomerangs were flying low in Sydney.

"There was no way we were gonna lose that match," said a jubilant Funk. "We both wanted it



The Kangaroos are ready for anything—and they had better be. Andre and Funk are a devastating duo.

too badly. I don't know what kind of gas the Giant puts in his tank, but fill me up with it! He's incredible. Wrestling with Andre is like having the California redwoods on your side."

Will these two wrestlers continue to team up after their sensational win over one of the classic tag team combinations of all time? No one can tell for sure, but one fact is straight and true. The Kangaroos hope they don't see Andre the Giant and Terry Funk together for a long time! ☐

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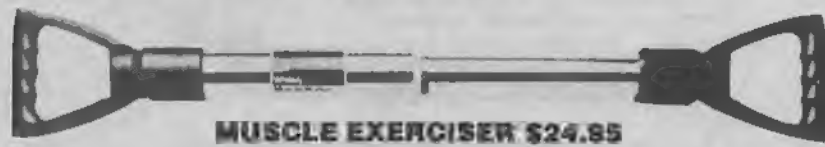


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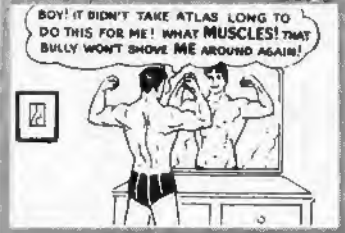
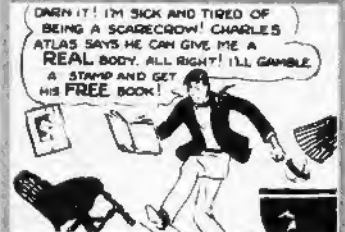
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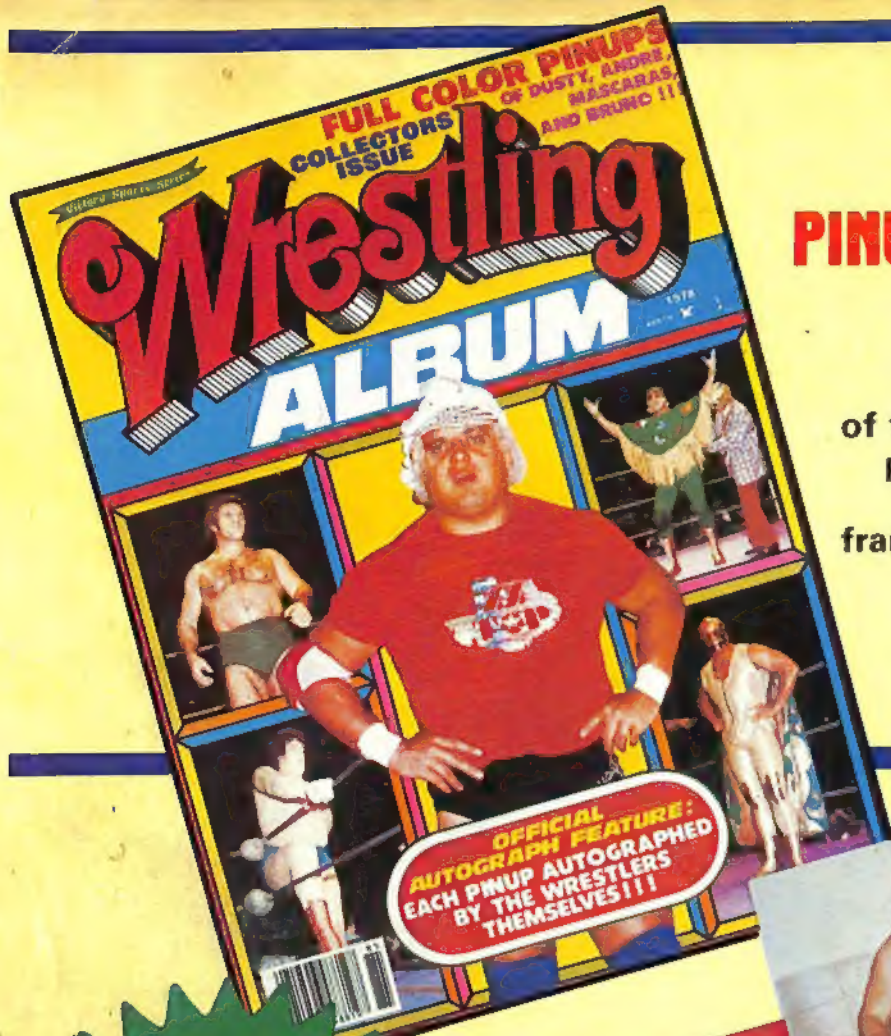
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